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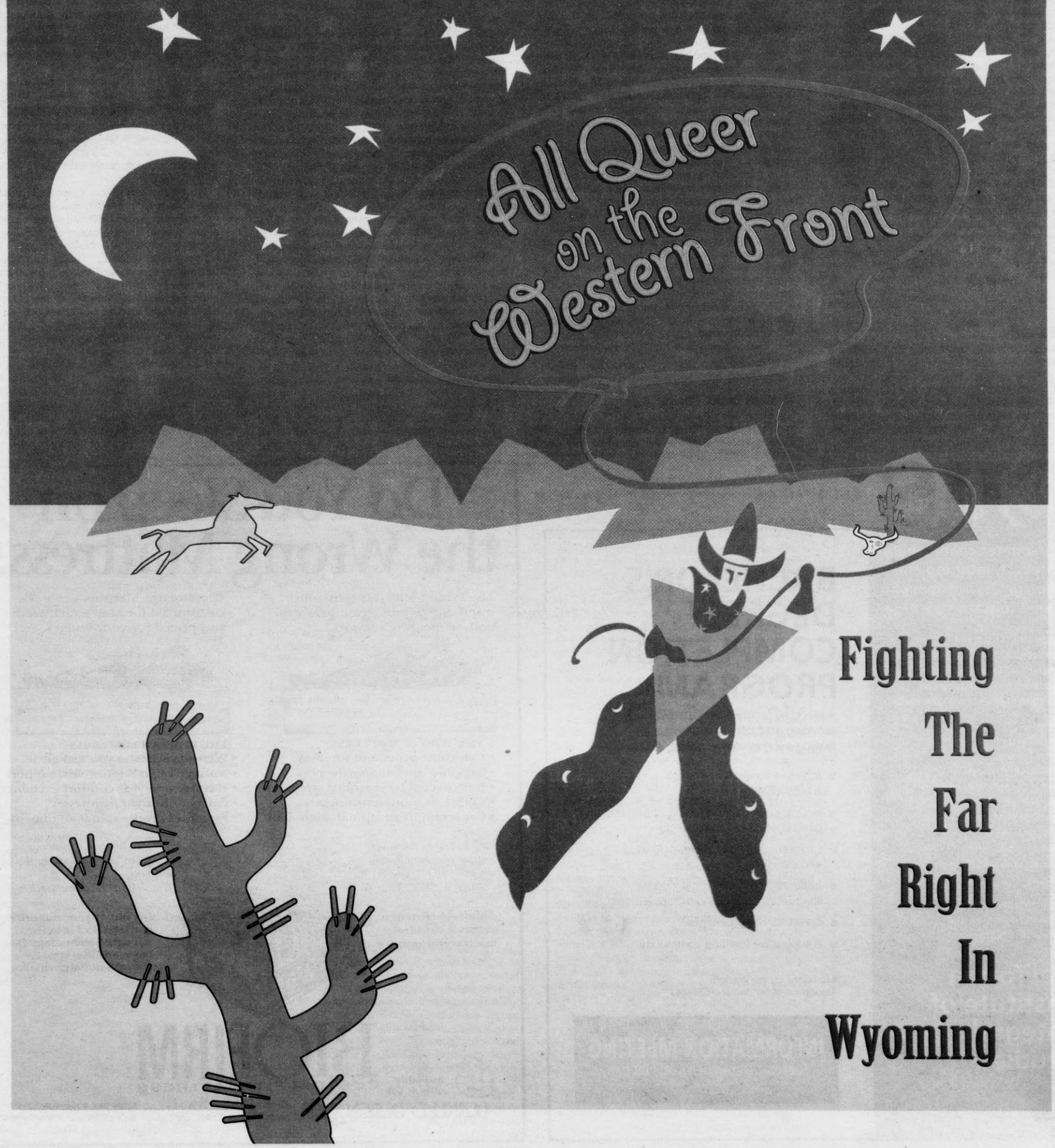


## Fighting The Far Right In Wyoming

# (letters)

### The Women (and Men) Inside

Once again, the *SF Bay Times*, courtesy of Justin Bond ("Beat This," Nov. 18), promotes the far-too-widespread idea that gay men who *actually act like men* are somehow screwed up; that anyone who doesn't put on a dress once in a while (or who actually has muscle tone) hates "the woman inside."

Yikes!

It would never occur to Bond in a million years that there are actually gay men who are, through no fault of their own, more masculine than he. Or that the reverse of his theory might be true: Perhaps Justin is the one terrified of his *masculine* side. I mean, why else spend so much time pretending to be a woman? Or maybe he's just a little jealous of anyone with a higher testosterone level.

The point is this: If you get off on wearing makeup, fine. Go for it. But why the need to insist that anyone who doesn't do what you do is hopelessly repressed? Can you justify yourself only by insisting that, deep down, everyone else is just like you whether they admit it or not? Gee, *that's* rational. Clearly, the Fundies don't hold exclusive rights to the I-hate-anyone-different-from-me franchise. It's alive and thriving right here. In the Pink Ghetto, we pay a lot of lip service to "diversity." Yet all too often, "diversity" translates to "Outrageousness Encouraged—Everyone Else Take a Hike!"

Personally, I find men who are masculine to be a lot more attractive than those who aren't. Good thing Justin only dates other queens, huh?

Mike Schaefer
San Francisco

### Real Change

Pleasant surprise, it was, reading Keith Hartman's account of "Creating Change VI" (*SF Bay Times*, Nov. 18), revealing a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force that recognizes "our" movement as "the" movement. When activists suffer a restrictive and narrow focus, we disenfranchise ourselves from the whole and, I feel, promote more suspicion than acceptance. A focused agenda is, of course, both positive and necessary, yet an understanding that *all* matters of equality, human rights, environmental health, etc., are components of the whole, of which synergy of purpose, be it simply based within our individual and, thereby, group awareness, equates to progress.

What is necessary over the long haul is the evolution of the mass conscience/education of humanity. There are too too many vehicles of secularism, typically based upon misinformation campaigns, for proponents of real change to allow themselves comfort in isolation.

By the way, an excellent paper.

Leon David Winston
San Francisco

### People, Wake Up!

It is sad to see another "gay" organization sell the North American Man/Boy Love Association down the drain to gain status as a pro-political gay supporter!

The reality of the '90s is that it is OK to be a sexual adult, gay and/or otherwise, but not OK to be a sexual boy or girl under the age of 18. This is a political reality. It is not the factual reality of young bodies, growing and developing!—boys and girls needing and wanting love, sex and acceptance from older and wiser men and women.

It seems that no one these days really cares about the *real needs and wants of boys and girls*—only the adult is important. Those adults who do care and who do act with the sexuality of boys and girls are doomed to prison and/or mental institutions.

People, wake up! Things are very wrong with this picture! This reality of the U.S. government controlling the thoughts and actions of millions of Americans and of other nations' peoples through the peoples' sexualities; the mental attitude that a nonsexual boy and/or girl is a non-gay boy and/or girl.

Get real, people! Do not doom the North American Man/Boy Love Association to a political hell to get one more step out of your closet. You are only getting deeper into U.S. government control of your lives!

Krispie Corie Prince
San Francisco

### Violence in Our Homes

A recent letter to the editor in the *SF Chronicle* by Amy Huber and Patrick Letelier reported the alarming statistic that of all the identified lesbians murdered in 1991-92 in San Francisco, 100 percent were killed by their partners. Of gay men murdered, one third were killed by their partners or a "roommate." These alarming statistics have never been publicized.

I am writing this letter not only to publicize the above statistics but also to discuss the recent informational session I attended that was put on by the SF Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women at the WAC meeting. As a formerly battered lesbian I was very glad to see the issue presented, and I appreciate the work these women are doing to create a safe place for battered lesbians and bisexual women. I was concerned, however, about the negative light cast on domestic violence agencies in the Bay Area. Granted, I am sure that they are correct in that there are problems in some of these agencies. But I feel that they also have saved many lives, including my own.

I lived with a woman who physically and emotionally battered me for six years until 1987. I was in complete denial about the damage that was being done to me. My friends saw her pull a knife on me, push me up against the wall, prevent me from sleeping and numerous other more-subtle forms of abuse. No one said a word. The "code of silence" surrounding lesbian relationships is very strong. The thought among many gays and lesbians is that society gives us enough negative messages without criticizing relationships within our own community. Yet this silence is what leads to the destruction of individual members of our community and it must stop.

I probably would have never gotten out of this relationship without the support of some incredible women at Marin Abused Women's Services. Two women came and spoke at a spirituality group I belonged to and literally opened my eyes to what was going on. I started peer counseling through MAWS and participated in their support groups for battered lesbians. I was able to get out of this relationship intact. Currently I am part of the Lesbian Caucus of MAWS. We are working in the agency to develop outreach and support of battered lesbians and bisexual women and will be starting a support group in the next couple of months. We have also sheltered three lesbians in the past year.

My story is not unusual within our community. I am a white middle-class nurse who lives in Noe Valley. I have listened to many women from all ethnic and socioeconomic groups who have had similar or even worse experiences. The lesbigay community needs to wake up regarding the prevalence of violence within our homes. If you see any of your friends harassing or abusing their lover, say something. Refer them to domestic violence agencies, for women: Marin Abused Women's Services, 457-2464; Women Inc., 864-4722; and, for men: Community United Against Violence, 333-4357.

Morgan Gaynor
San Francisco

### Simply the Best

I want to have all the best things in life. I've also noticed that to have the best, I must try my best. I wonder why so many people don't ever do the best they can to make their lives and this world the best it can be. All I read and see on the news are people—especially young people—being the worst they can be. That has also made society worse. I wish they would grow up and behave like human beings who belong in the world. Money does buy the finer things in life.

Bobby
from the Castro

### "Burned" by Mainstream Personals

I am writing this letter to warn members of the gay/lesbian community about the *Chronicle/Examiner* personal ads. As is often the case, mainstream newspapers are repressive (although I thought in SF it would be different).

Here is my experience: I paid for a relationship ad and voicemail in the *Chronicle/Examiner* and was given a passcode and voicemail number. I called the phone number listed to record my message. I was hoping to reach some "mainstream gays" and, in my recording, I stated, "This is *not* a sex ad." I finished my message and followed directions to put it on line. I waited several days to give people time to respond and I called in for my messages. I was told that since I used the word "sex," it was deemed inappropriate, and when I re-recorded my message, was told that it was too late for it to go on line that week.

I find it totally amazing that by stating it *wasn't* a sex ad, my message was supposedly "inappropriate"! I mean, these are the '90s and this is San Francisco!

Well, finally I got to speak with someone in authority and I requested that they extend my ad one week because of their not putting my message on


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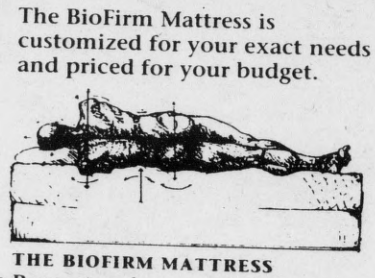

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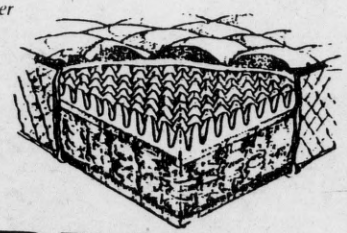

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voicemail (and not notifying me). To put it bluntly, they were very uncooperative. I was denied an extension or refund. They told me that no one called me to let me know I couldn't use the word "sex," and that was their policy—that was that!

So basically I paid for a non-usable ad, and they won't refund or extend the ad with a new message. I wonder if it had been a "straight" ad would I have been treated differently?

Anyway, what I want to get across is that you should beware of the non-gay, mainstream relationship ads. They "burned" me and, by their puritanical standards, I'm sure they are "burning" other new-relationship seekers. Stick with the community papers—in my experience, they've been problem-free.

Brian Chevez-Rowell
San Francisco

### Tax Churches

I am tired of having church money used to limit my rights. I suggest the gay community fight back by starting a petition drive to tax churches. That would put a damper on all their fun, wouldn't it?

Patricia Armstrong
Talmage, CA

P.S.: Keep Nan! She's hilarious. The letters she elicits are even more so!

Love your paper. Love the issues that go back and forth. Glad it's got a *lesbian* slant!

Also love Ching Chang's clear and unbitchy reviews.

### Brava, Nan!

Last issue's column, "Je Ne Sais Quoi," is very funny as well as thought-provoking. I laughed out loud and saw your observations as most acute.

Duff
San Francisco

### Simply Precious

We think that Nan Parks is simply precious. Every homolesbo should own one.

Miles Long
Editor, *Suck Don't Blow*
San Francisco

### Debra vs. Diversity

*The following letter was sent to Debra Saunders,* San Francisco Chronicle *columnist:*

In a recent column in the *San Francisco Chronicle* ("Thought Police, Diversity Patrol," Nov. 12), you refine even more your well-developed technique of newspeak, saying the opposite of what is true. You accuse the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), an accrediting agency, of being "politically correct" (would you rather they be socially mistaken) for taking account of diversity at the schools which ask for its accreditation. You imply that women's colleges like Mills—which does not admit men as undergraduates, but which has a strong commitment to diversity of race, sexual orientation, ethnicity and disability—should be forced to admit men.

The ethics of discrimination is based on power. When one group has it and another doesn't, it is not wrong for the weaker group to protect itself from the stronger. Mills restricts admissions because it provides a better quality education for its students. Even you admit that "women who attended women's schools excelled in leadership qualities compared to women who attended co-ed schools."

Next you say that the systematic denial of jobs to persons from disempowered groups (i.e., employment discrimination) should not be a factor in accreditation. Unfortunately, WASC seems to agree with you on this point, where lesbians and gays are concerned. Under pressure from conservative religious schools, WASC has proposed excluding sexual orientation from its diversity standards, thus making it possible for Catholic and other colleges to expel students or fire employees if these people dare to let it be known that they are gay. Some academic freedom, huh?

I am astounded, furthermore, that you would characterize as "wild-eyed" the conviction that quality and diversity in higher education are linked, or that you would maintain it is "drivel" to say that good colleges ought to be aware of and responsive to different experiences and perspectives of their students. A quality education by definition broadens the mind. Students need exposure to a variety of ideas, thoughts and people, especially in higher education. Good educators must know everything they can about their students if they are to succeed in motivating them to take the actions necessary to grow. Your attitudes remind me of the creationists who forsake any acknowledgment of reason or evidence to tenaciously hold on to their blind opinions.

WASC needs to include sexual orientation in its diversity standards, and you need to take your eyes off your usual right-wing political agenda long enough to learn a few basic principles of education.

R. Wood Massi, Ph.D.
San Francisco

### Symbiotic Relationship?

Responding to the various, ongoing comments re: Christian Fundamentalism (in general), Lou Sheldon (in particular), and their respective—and reciprocal—hostility to and with the "gay community" (*SF Bay Times,* "Actions Speak Louder Than Words: The Christian Right's Assault on San Francisco," Nov. 18), I offer this relevant observation/query: Because, as between the *Religious Right* and the *Gay left,* each uses tactics seeking to deny both constitutional and civil rights to the other, is this not the perfect—and mutually deserving—*symbiotic relationship?*

With due consideration, Thomas M. Edwards
Atheist, gay and Republican
San Francisco

### Performing Lou's Script

The gay activists who stormed the Hamilton Square Baptist Church on Cathedral Hill in the Western Addition of San Francisco deserve medals, not for valor, but for stupidity. They performed the script as Rev. Lou and his supporters in the anti-gay Traditional Values Coalition had hoped, thus producing yet another propaganda film to be used to identify gay Americans as anti-religious, anti-family and anti-constitutional law zealots who are irrationally demanding, not equal rights, but special rights, from their fellow Americans.

Who needs enemies when we have such utterly stupid queers among ourselves—queers who create "gay-versus-fundamentalist" incidents that are later continuously used as propaganda aids to defeat the extension of civil liberties to gay Americans in Lewiston, Maine; Portsmouth, N.H.; or Cincinnati?

Additionally, these gay anti-biblical literalist activists are creating the media image that San Francisco is essentially a city wherein the gay population holds the non-gay citizens under psychological terror because of the gay hysterical intolerance and hatred for any idea, any program, or any person who flunks a "gay approval test."

Ironically, San Francisco—once a blue collar port town, with a heavy concentration of Irish, German and Italian Roman Catholics, who jointly molded San Francisco's national reputation as a typically tolerant "Catholic town"—is increasingly being seen as the most anti-Catholic town outside the U.S.A.'s Bible Belt!

To advance civil liberties for gay Americans in Lewiston, Portsmouth, or in any other town, the gay community needs the cooperation and assistance of non-gay men and women of good will. Most of these folks are religious, usually traditional Trinitarian Christians, and some of them are pro-life on the abortion question.

Gay activists need to rethink their tactics and strategies so as to appeal to the intelligence, the sense of fairness and the good will of all kinds of Americans—including those whose conscience dictates that the Bible must be interpreted literally.

Tragically, these Hamilton Square Baptist Church "storm attackers" of last September are driven to socially irresponsible and downright unconstitutional actions of hate and violence because they have failed to use their intelligence to check their mindless emotional hostility to the Christian faith. Frankly, I suspect that, on a subconscious level, they blame Christianity for their own homosexuality and consequently have transferred their self-hatred from themselves to believing Christians. They need to return to their own religious roots to achieve self-accepting peace as gay men and gay women.

James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

### Toward Freedom and Responsibility

The Religious Right's anti-gay media campaign is indecent. It fails to acknowledge any diversity among homosexuals and chooses to show as an example of all gays only some, such as NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association) or those lesbians and gay men who are rude and only wish to spit upon traditional sensibilities. It is only Lou Sheldon's pugnacious opponents—who expressed no desire to educate and failed to show him the very kind of tolerance they are demanding for themselves—who are being paraded across America into millions of households on the Christian Broadcasting Network. Typically, CBN made no mention of the presence of gay Christian ministers who seek to proclaim the inclusiveness of God's love.

Until the Religious Right stops its misrepresentation of homosexuals, gay demonstrators need to know that it is their angry words and actions that will be used for broadcast. Some demonstrators need to reconsider their sweeping anti-Christian statements and the wearing of religious drag. With unbridled anger they forget the many followers of Jesus, of most denominations, who have been ministering with love and acceptance to those affected by HIV since the very beginning of the AIDS epidemic (many in hospitals which were founded by Christians). Like the Religious Right, some gay extremists do not care to discern the complexity of the Christian way. Today, let us all recall the pleas for freedom *and* responsibility spoken by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., when he heralded that day when we all will be "judged by the content of our character."

It must be remembered that condemnation of homosexuality predates this so-called Christian Era. While it is true that less mature Christians still express hatred toward gays, for several decades, many Christians, gay and straight alike, have been striving for an understanding of loving and honoring sexual relations that applies to all regardless of sexual orientation or marital status. The recent reports of a new wave of HIV infections among gay men is disquieting and cause enough to pause in an unabashed attack on the Religious Right. While homophobia may once have induced the anguish that drove many gays to unsafe sex, this time around, a fuller explanation needs to also include those old-fashioned and traditional sins—which are also fully applicable to homosexuals—of lust, fueled by intemperance, fostered by greed, and unhindered by sloth.

The time has come for gay ministers to call for a symposium on Religion and Homosexuality, and invite the various leaders of the Religious Right, Christian Coalition and others, so that together we may seek to find a peaceful resolution to the hatred and anger. Relevant issues of the conference include: (1) the fact of the mystery of Jesus' own sexuality and marital status; (2) theories to explain the absence in the Bible of Jesus' teachings on homosexuality (probably by editors); and (3) that the various denominations should be able to recommend as loving conduct for homosexuals whatever currently applies to heterosexuals (e.g., monogamous honoring unions based on love).

Peter Larose
Member, Steering Committee, United in Spirit
San Francisco

### The New Lifestyle Fascism

Even after the San Francisco Board of Supervisors has passed legislation banning cigarette smoking in restaurants and offices, anti-smoking busybodies are complaining about smokers. Now the target is smoking in gay bars ("Smoking and HIV," *SF Bay Times* letters, Nov. 18).

Alcohol rivals tobacco as a major killer, not just of drinkers but of nondrinkers. Tens of thousands of innocent people are killed every year by drunk drivers. Many more thousands are maimed for life. Hundreds of thousands of children are abused and abandoned by drinking parents. The gay community has been seriously weakened by alcoholism. If nonsmokers who drink are so concerned about recreational pastimes that affect other people's health, why don't they seek restrictions on drinking comparable to the new restrictions on smoking? Why don't they demand that alcohol not be served in public places?

There is a profound similarity in attitude between religious fundamentalists and anti-smoking puritans. Both groups would tell strangers what to do, save people from their behavior and deny others their pleasures. Both are paranoid, hysterical, unreasonable, self-righteous and hypocritical. Just as televangelists condemn sexual immorality while going to bed with prostitutes, so do anti-smokers condemn smoking while driving drunk, using drugs, overeating, polluting the air with their cars and sleeping around indiscriminately.

Smokers, who have done little to defend themselves because they feel guilty about smoking, may think that the anti-smoking movement is going to be satisfied with a ban on smoking in public places. *Wrong.* Before long, smoking will be banned in private apartments because smoking and nonsmoking tenants share common enclosed air space. Then it will be banned in private homes because some of those homes contain children. The new lifestyle fascism is a slippery slope that leads to the banning of indoor smoking altogether. For nonsmokers who think that is just fine, a word to the wise: The next targets will be drinking and sex. After all, isn't it

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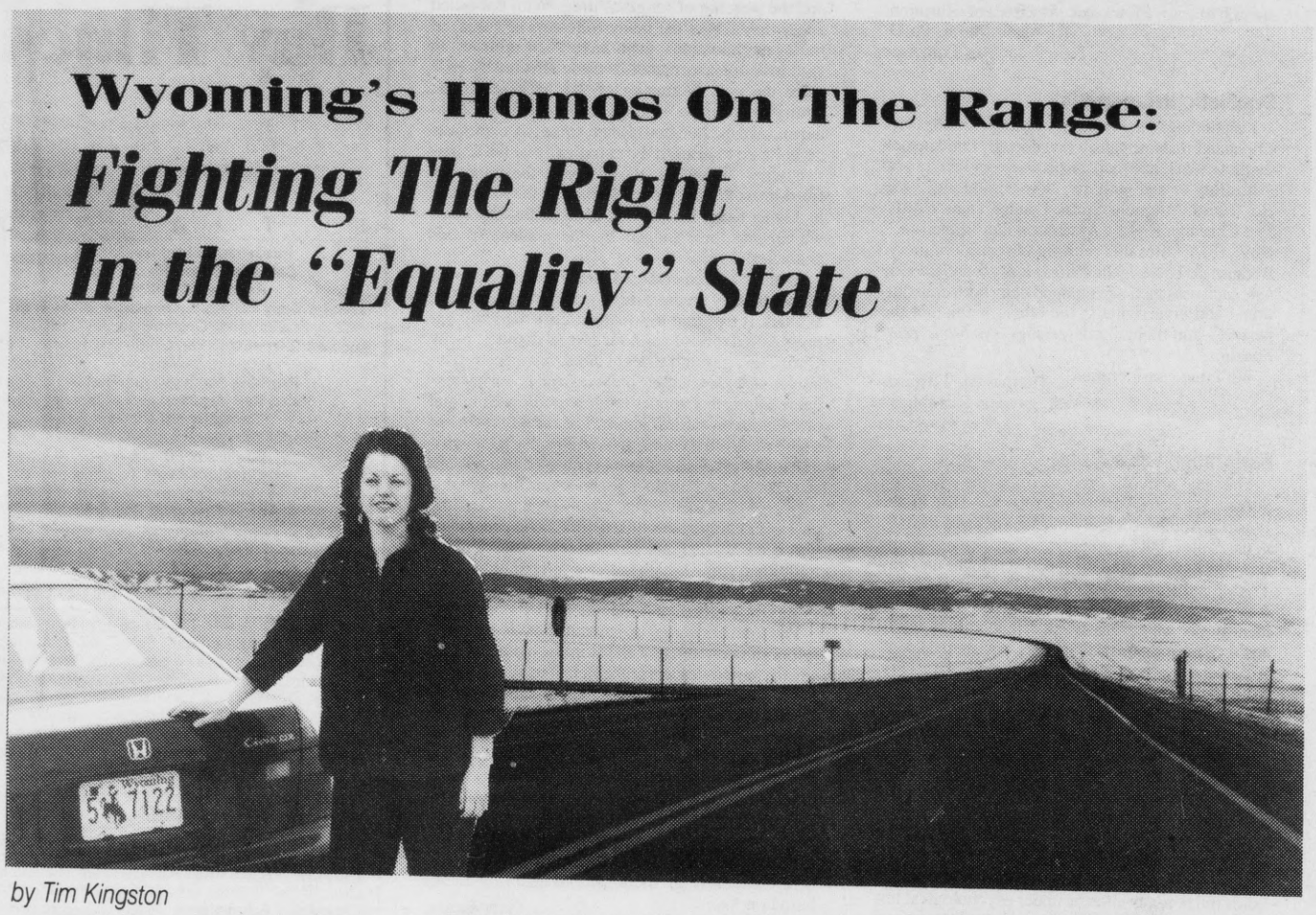

**Fight the Right Conference planner Maria Lasaga organizes queers in the wide open spaces.** Photos by Tim Kingston / Photo collage by Tim Lewis.

*by Tim Kingston*

"Excuse me, but are y'all neo-Nazis? My husband over there has been drinking and thinks he's hallucinating," said the redheaded rancher gal to our little group of queers. It was 1:30 in the morning at the Cowboy Bar—its real name, honest—in downtown Laramie, Wyoming. Snow on the ground, cowboys and cowgirls two-stepping to a raucous country-western band whose lead singer was channeling Stevie Nicks, and now some drunk cowboy thinks we are Nazis.

It was a bizarre question—particularly since the "y'all" in question consisted of one stocky Hawaiian, one skinny reporter, one burly fraternity president with a buzz cut, and one young woman with a tongue piercing the size of a small cock ring. Nazis?! Stunned, nobody in our tipsy group replied, until one alcohol-blasted individual piped up: "No, actually we're not Nazis, we're faggots." We made for the exit and took off into the below-freezing night air.

No Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore. We're in Wyoming for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force/Fight the Right (FTR) conference, primarily organized and sponsored by Wyoming's gay, lesbian, bisexual groups and the Wyoming chapter of the National Organization for Women. Our little group at the Cowboy Bar represented just a few of the 75 people who drove in, from Wyoming and Colorado, to attend the FTR conference, which started Nov. 20 and was held at the University of Wyoming (UW) at Laramie.

The two-day conference gave attendees a historical overview of the far Right and the Christian Right—not the same thing—as well as crucial lessons in how to deal with the media, plus legal strategies to be used if a Colorado-style Amendment Two initiative passes. Equally important—since the conference itself was a community organizing tool—was a series of workshops on creating progressive grass-roots networks to stymie religious right-wing organizing in Wyoming.

"We gained a lot of information that will help us be more efficient as we try to counter the far Right in this state," said conference organizer Maria Lasaga, an out UW faculty member. She explained another critical aspect of the gathering that was not posted on the agenda: "By bringing us together, [the conference] gave us a sense that we are not alone. That has been the main complaint of so many activists in this state ... This will help us create a finer and finer mesh of networks in this state."

Conference-goer demographics were evenly split between men and women, and the attendees were mostly queer. Few people of color attended—not surprising in a state with a 1 percent African-American population. The only significant outreach failure was among Native Americans—although there was one Native American keynote speaker. Lasaga hopes to do better in future organizing efforts.

The Laramie FTR conference is the last of 18 such educational efforts backed by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) throughout the United States this year. So far, Robert Bray, the Task Force's national FTR organizer, has clocked 70,000 miles and covered 15 states. As we flew into Laramie's tiny municipal airport, Bray exclaimed, "This is the grass roots. This is the final frontier of gay organizing."

Bray says the FTR campaign is a national strategy to fight the religious Right, utilizing local contacts and tailoring organizing efforts to local needs. In Washington, D.C., where Bray used to work, everything works on a top-down basis, but, he said, "This is bottom-up. It is all about fighting the Right. What it is really about is organizing a base for a strong movement."

According to Marcy Westerling, head of the highly successful Rural Organizing Project in Oregon, the key element to successful anti-Right organizing is *not* single-issue politics, but a commitment to democratic principles. "I am not trying to find queers, but I am trying to find those who are worried about the rise of the Right," said Westerling of her organizing tactics.

"It is not just identity politics, but community politics," she added. "Identity politics only work if you are trying to find a mecca. I don't want to move to San Francisco to buy my groceries in safety and pride. I want to work with other people and create a community of tolerance and safety."

## FIGHTING THE RIGHT AND LASSOING STEREOTYPES IN LARAMIE

Laramie's FTR conference was born as a queer inoculation project against homophobia in Wyoming—to prevent the nationally organized religious Right from developing a strong base in the equality state. "There is a tremendous distaste in this state for any kind of outside intervention. If you frame things in that light, you can get the citizens of Wyoming to see that as an invasion of their privacy," said Brenda Ilg, an out lesbian who is president of Wyoming NOW. But ultimately, "it boils down to getting there first."

The bad news is that the inoculation project quickly turned into an outright battle against homophobia on Oct. 22, when the Wyoming Family Values Coalition held its inaugural press conference. According to FTR conference organizer Joey Johannsen, the Coalition announced three goals that day: "One, to get the gays out of Wyoming; two, was to stop abortions; and, three, to get prayer back into the schools." She suspects that group will go signature hunting for a Colorado-style anti-gay ballot initiative soon.

As if that were not enough, women in Wyoming have to contend with a likely anti-abortion ballot initiative in 1994 from the "Unseen Hands Prayer Circle." The initiative would virtually ban all abortions and would probably prohibit many forms of birth control too. The measure is so draconian that Sharon Breitweiser of Wyoming NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) believes "all miscarriages would be suspect." This is in a state with only seven doctors performing abortions for a total population of 450,000. Small wonder NARAL and Wyoming NOW both supported the conference.

Although the Wyoming political climate might be turning chilly, Laramie is not the seething bed of homophobia West Coast prejudice would predict. And contrary to warnings from friends, this *SF Bay Times* reporter did not have to duck bullets while in Laramie. Didn't see a single gun rack either.

Laramie is a college town with 10,000 students, out of total population of 26,000. The university administration is surprisingly pro-gay and backs the campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Association (LGBA). The administration is even officially underwriting efforts to set up an office of gay lesbian, bi and trans concerns. Laramie boasts a coffee shop, a Latin American hippy clothing store, and a tattoo parlor offering piercings and tattoos that would fit in nicely in the Lower Haight.

The town also hosts Ground Zero records, where Tom Fuller—an out queer wearing freedom rings, with a penchant for industrial noise music—resides. Fuller is a stereotype-buster. Not only is he a cofounder of the LGBA, but he is also president of the Delta Kappa Fraternity. He only joined the frat on condition he could be out and bring boyfriends in. Fuller came to Laramie when he was 18 and still trying to be straight. But he soon realized, "The fact is, women don't do a damn thing for me. Let's face reality. I'm a queer."

The gays, lesbians and bisexuals who showed up in Laramie for the conference could have come right out of central casting. They included the lesbian truck driver, the lesbian grandmother, the handsome gay grandfather and the hetero transvestite who says, "It is tough to be a transvestite in Wyoming—you have got to be a man to wear a dress." Also at the conference were Wyoming's only out drag queen and, of course, a dyke from San Francisco who used to work at Osento.

"I just kind of came screaming out of the closet and right away got involved with drag," declared Phillip Armstrong, who works as a preschool teacher on an Indian reservation. From the start, Armstrong has been very active in the gay community. His employers "couldn't care less," he says. "It was pretty much the same with all the other jobs I have had. I tell them, this is the way I am. And if you don't like it, I won't work for you."

Virtually everyone at the conference said they were out to their workmates, family and friends. While most said the heterosexuals they know are generally supportive, being out has its dangers. Judy Rohlfing, the lesbian grandmother, says her daughter and lover had to fight off a homophobe who tried to beat them to death with a lodgepole. Sissy Goodwin, the transvestite, has been beaten up several times, and barely avoided two attempted hit-and-run attacks.

Ironically, only Jane Sooby, the lesbian from San Francisco, ambivalently expressed a need to be partly closeted in Laramie, where she is an agriculture grad student. But her attitude has seen a metamorphosis in the past year, as she attended parties where straight ex-military men talked of how being gay "does not make a damn bit of difference." She says the LGBA has changed too. In the past it was a deliberately low-key social club. "We are now very visible," said Sooby. "Last year a number of new people came in who wanted to do more political work—and being out was something we could do right now."

Out of that new openness came Wyoming's first gay rights demonstration on April 15—linked to the March on Washington. And and now there's Maria Lasaga's Fight the Right conference.

## NOW OR NEVER: LAST CHANCE BEFORE THEOCRACY

"[The religious Right] is not a movement on the edge of taking over everything," said Scott Nakagawa, the NGLTF's Portland, Oregon, Fight the Right organizer. "But at the same time we have a very small window of opportunity to fight back. My projection is that we have about four years to be able to get that together." If progressive forces are not organized in four years, Nakagawa warned, "We will be in a situation where we can resist, but not hope to win."

Biblical literalists and fundamentalists have already infiltrated many of the larger Christian denominations, both in Wyoming and nationwide, said Sandra Solon, an Episcopal priest and a keynote speaker at the conference's opening session. She explained that once right-wing fundamentalists are sufficiently powerful in a church, they accuse the liberal leadership of moving away from the grass roots, which by then has been overrun by the right wing.

"The question is no longer an issue of church and state, it is a question of whose values are in control. It is a question of power and who will be in charge of our institutions," said Solon. "Their goals are taking over the country's institutions and creating a theocracy."

According to Nakagawa, the modern religious Right and far Right were born in the throes of Barry Goldwater's unsuccessful presidential bid in 1964. That campaign brought together the then-fading Christian right and some of the nuttier elements of the far Right, i.e., John Bircher's, etc. That coalition created the first mailing lists out of which the Heritage Foundation, along with Paul Weyrich's Free Congress Foundation and Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network and Christian Coalition were born.

Nakagawa traced two distinct histories for the far Right and religious Right. The far Right, he said, developed out of America's history of racialism, slavery and racism. In the far Right's fold are the Klu Klux Klan's night riders, the Christian Identity movement, the anti-communists and the American Nazi party. The far Right is southern- and racially-based, and has spread throughout the United States during the past century. There is an ongoing, but weakening, effort to set up an alternate power nexus in the Pacific Northwest.

The far Right is also biology-based: Whites are racially superior. In comparison, the Christian Right is behavior-based—if you act right you can be saved. Nakagawa says historically the Christian Right is steeped in a dichotomy between heathen and Christian. Since Christians are by definition "good," and heathens are by definition "bad," Nakagawa sardonically noted, "Christians are allowed to do anything they want." In the past, that mind-set has served to justify genocide against Native Americans, and now excuses the bombing of abortion clinics, shooting the occasional abortion provider, and calling for the death penalty for homosexuals.

On the other hand, the Christian Right is split by theological differences and outright politicking, asserted Nakagawa. But even so, they are effective grass-roots organizers. In some cases, like the Traditional Values Coalition, they use only a thin technological thread to link leadership with grass-roots. In others—Concerned Women for America and the Christian Coalition—well-organized grass-roots prayer groups are linked to mid-level prayer groups and on up to the national level. As NARAL's Sharon Breitweiser noted, "They have a meeting every week and it is called church."

Ever since Pat Robertson's 1988 presidential campaign, the Christian Right has been growing stronger, while many progressive groups, including gays and lesbians, have stagnated or been on the defensive. "While they do multiple-issue organizing, we do single-issue organizing," said Nakagawa. "While they know where they stand on a wide range of issues that are activist-based, we, on the other hand, are divided and unable to respond."

"They are a voting bloc," said Nakagawa. "At a time of tremendous apathy they are able to wield disproportionate power. The religious Right can say, 'I can deliver 10 to 15 million votes,' at a time when no other political movement can do that ... that is how they control political turf."

To make matters worse for progressives, the far Right and the Christian Right are moving closer politically: As the Christian Right becomes increasingly reactionary, the far Right is mainstreaming. Nakagawa said that no one knows quite what will happen when they meet, but he warned that both are using gays and lesbians as "a wedge to move into the mainstream agenda." In Wisconsin, a leading holocaust denier has popped up as an organizer in that state's anti-gay initiative. While such cooperation is terrifying, it can also be used by progressives to beat up on the Christian Right, by accusing them of consorting with outright fascists, said Nakagawa.

In a time of economic and moral uncertainty, as well as permanent structural unemployment—particularly among young whites who no longer see prosperity ahead—the religious Right and far Right offer simple and dangerous answers. Without being paranoid, Nakagawa told conference attendees, opposing the right is a critical battle: "You are working to defeat the potential for fascism in the United States."

### SHIFTING THE BATTLEGROUND AND BEATING BURNOUT

The best way to defeat the far Right is to shift the venue of conflict, say NGLTF organizers. At the moment, the battleground is electoral politics, where the Right has all the advantages. They have the money. They have the campaign experience. They have the targeted voter messages and direct-mail campaigns to be unleashed at any moment. What do we have? People. "We want to move the struggle outside the realm of elections and into the community, where we are more evenly matched," said Nakagawa.

Brenda Ilg agreed, saying it is essential to create a "geographically based human rights movement." That means organizing in every state and every county to counter the right wing. Ilg says, without demeaning efforts to protect lesbian/gay civil rights and women's rights, "What is really at stake in the overall picture is human rights."

NGLTF organizers contend that the best way to create a such a movement is not elections, but through grass-roots organizing in communities likely to be targeted or already under attack by the right wing. And the key to successful community organizing, said Marcy Westerling, director of Oregon's Rural Organizing Project, is finding the common threads that link people together.

In Oregon, Westerling helped found grass-roots "Human Dignity" political action committees to oppose local right-wing organizing. Westerling acted after her local school board came within a hair's breadth of approving the teaching of creationism. Thus, the "Human Dignity" groups started as democratic discussion circles and moved into outreach, politics and pro-active coalition-building. Now there are 52 such PACs scattered throughout Oregon—nearly one in every county.

Rather than trying to create organizations around a set of pre-planned demands, the "Human Dignity" groups grew out of local concerns that members voiced themselves. In many instances they had never been activists before. But because of the user-friendly house meeting format, people came and got involved. Speaking to the dubious Laramie audience, Westerling described how her organizing efforts started over potlucks in the neighborhood, in which she and her neighbors identified the basic democratic ideals they shared. Community politics became an act of integration and ongoing education, not voter harvesting.

That type of organizing has its obstacles, said Nakagawa. "You have a wide variety of people in Wyoming who would say, 'I am against a theocratic takeover of our government.' " But, he said, "Those people are fractured by, 'Am I pro-choice or anti-choice? Am I going to have to hang out with queers? What if I bend over?' "

Westerling said, however, that when people in the group share a commitment to democracy, all sorts of impossible alliances become feasible: timber workers and environmentalists, fundamentalist Christians and gays and lesbians. Westerling, an out lesbian, works with "homophobic, misogynist idiots" all the time: "It is a wonderful thing because it is based on their working in good faith and my working in good faith and everyone moving forward a little bit."

The Laramie workshop group listened in silence until one hand shot up, and it all came

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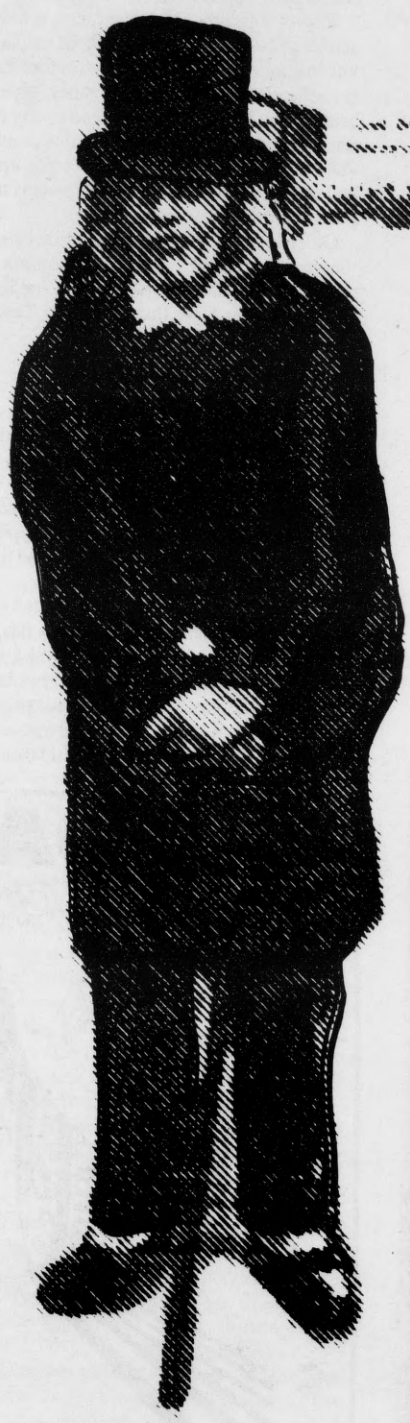


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tumbling out. The exhaustion. The burnout. It was a sad litany from activists who have been working for too long against the tide. They said they don't have the energy to take on any more commitments, even if it is as simple as getting neighbors to a potluck. "I just don't have another ounce to give," said one. "I just feel there is no more community."

Westerling acknowledged, "We need to honor the fact that we are tired." She stressed that the entire point of rural organizing is to recruit new activists, not overburden the veterans, but that message didn't quite get through. The frustration and isolation was palpable in the room. People wanted answers and all they felt they heard were exhortations to do more work.

While the tired workshop participants did not seem likely to provide the foundation for a statewide organizing project, Westerling and NOW's Brenda Ilg quickly cooked up another scheme at a potluck organized for conference participants. Ilg remembered a list of pro-choice voters in all 23 counties in Wyoming. She thought that list would probably include people who had never been contacted before, who would be sympathetic to queer civil rights issues. As Westerling noted, "The critical thing right now is to identify our allies."

Even before the conference ended, Ilg was burning up phone lines trying to make contacts for that very first house meeting. "Organizing is very simple and very complex," commented Ilg in her closing remarks. "It can be as simple as having a cup of coffee with a neighbor. It can be as complex as organizing against, and ultimately defeating, an anti-abortion initiative."

### MEDIA MASSAGE: MMM ... MMM ... GOOD

As every good media queen knows, activism can fall into the void if you don't work the media. And a large part of the conference was devoted to teaching neophyte activists how to do that. Lessons were given in producing press releases, activating spin control, countering right-wing rhetoric about "special rights," and cozying up to reporters and editors—a task FTR organizer Robert Bray is well skilled.

The final media panel included tips from local print, radio and TV reporters on how to best get their attention and hold it. The panelists said the critical points are: respect deadlines, keep it short and don't have press conferences on Mondays and Fridays—those days are generally considered dead news zones by reporters and editors. Don't forget to call the media about events or actions that are being planned—reporters don't read minds. One additional point was stressed by the NGLTF: Don't lie to the press; they won't trust you ever again, if you do.

Chris Wall of Wyoming's K2 TV News cautioned that it is the little things that make a story look good. For example, he warned, start speeches with fluff, not your most powerful comment, because the camera operator is probably still focusing the equipment and will miss your main point if you put it right at the front.

Bob Beck, Laramie National Public Radio news editor, emphasized, "The best stories are when the people involved tell their own story." The panelists argued that media work is a process of getting to know reporters and educating them about gay/lesbian issues. Beck stressed the need for feedback to reporters, and joked, "If it is good, call the editor. If it's bad, call the reporter!"

At that point, Johannsen stood up and asked if reporters on the panel were willing to ask their station or paper if the LGBA or the Wyoming Gay and Lesbian Union could come in and do educational specials about the lesbian, gay, bisexual community. The reporters jumped at the chance. It was instant queer activism—facilitated by the conference—at its best.

Johannsen said, "My inspiration is to be proactive, to do backgrounders with the media, to put information together, to reach out before these ugly, sensational, hateful videotapes, flyers and brochures really hit Wyoming as a strong force." She asserted, "I do know from this conference that I need to work, to organize, to be up front, and to be out there ahead of the groups that are pumping out untrue information."

Other activists conducted their first-ever interviews immediately after the session, with reporters who sat on the panel. They looked good on the evening news that night too. Talk about baptism by fire!

### MAKING THE EQUALITY STATE LIVE UP TO ITS NAME

"Are we all feeling hopeful?" asked Marcy Westerling laconically after a sobering analysis of far Right and Christian Right power. "We have a lot of catching up to do, but hey, no problem." By the end of the conference, what appeared, at first, to be a bleakly ironic quip, looked like a difficult but nonetheless credible goal.

On one level the conference provided information and tools, but on another,just having that many activists in one place spurred a sense of critical mass and empowerment that had been lacking in the past. "We are better prepared to go out and reach out," said conference organizer Maria Lasaga. "However I could have imagined this conference, it went better than that."

Lasaga believes the seeds of a statewide lesbian, gay and bisexual political network were planted at the conference. "I didn't think we would actually do that in this state," said Lasaga, adding, "It was great to see Jackson [Wyoming] getting motivated. They have been burnt out up there." And Dorothy Holland, a gay activist from Jackson, said, "The conference was a major revelation. I did not have to reinvent the wheel! I don't have to call everyone in Jackson and go: 'How do we respond?' I have that [information] now."

For Lasaga, Laramie is very different place from the "lunar colony" she was braced for when she moved from the University of Carolina two years ago. Then, her goal was to be more out. Now, she couldn't be any more out if she tried. Due to her efforts, and the team that put the conference together, the entire gay community of Wyoming is more out, feisty and ready to fight back, than it ever was.

"I want my freedom today and I am willing to fight for it," asserted Philip Armstrong—aka Jennifer Fox, Wyoming's best-known drag queen. For Armstrong, being out is a critical part of fighting the Right. "You have to let people know who you are."

"None of you are bad people," said Armstrong on the last day of the conference. "Don't be embarrassed. Society is doing this to us, and I am tired of it. I promised myself a long time ago when I came out, that no one would ever push me again, or call me fag again, or hit me, or try to ruin my life, without me fighting back." Armstrong includes everyone in that battle. "Black, white, green, purple, gay, straight, bisexual, TV or anything. We can't do it on our own. We have got to have all of you. If you are not out ... you are just adding to the problem, because you are not getting up and showing everybody who you are."

Robert Bray, the NGLTF contact who helped Laramie folk organize the conference, said Armstrong's comments "really tugged at my heartstrings. Nothing affects me like that anymore." He said the conference "replenished my belief that there is a soul and a faith in our movement. I saw it there." And out on the high plains late one night surrounded by thoughts of slender cowboys, a thought struck Bray: "My God, these people are really strong out here to be openly queer. I came back to [San Francisco and my partner] John and I said, 'Honey, what do you think about living in Wyoming?' "

Honey's response was not available for publication.

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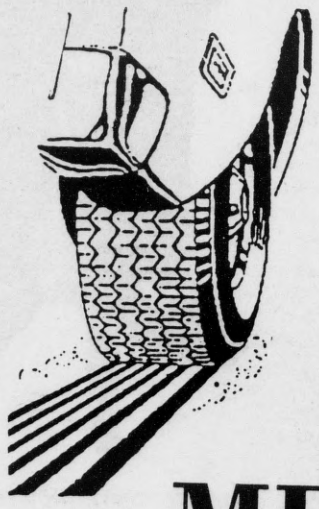
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# Mayor Jordan's Grapes of Wrath: ACLU Files Anti-Matrix Lawsuit

*by Tim Kingston*

The parallels between the homeless migrant workers in Steinbeck's classic *The Grapes of Wrath* and the way that today's homeless people are treated by Mayor Frank Jordan's "Matrix" program are striking. They are not called "Okies" any more. Instead, they are now called "The Homeless Problem" and are treated just the same as victims of the 1930s depression—with contempt and orders to move on.

Not everyone is trying to force the homeless out of town. On Nov. 23, the Northern California ACLU, the San Francisco Lawyers Committee and four homeless people filed a joint constitutional lawsuit in Federal District Court opposing Matrix.

"We are challenging the City's Matrix program, which we contend is a program to harass, intimidate and drive homeless persons out of San Francisco and punish them for the status of being homeless in violation of their constitutional rights," declared Alan Schlosser, managing attorney of the Northern California ACLU.

"During the [1930s] Depression, many communities passed statutes to keep vagrants out," said Schlosser. "The Supreme Court ultimately found those statutes unconstitutional. We view the Matrix program, when stripped of its rhetoric, as a direct descendent of these vagrant statutes. And we believe they are unconstitutional for the same reasons."

The ACLU/Lawyers Committee class-action suit alleges that not only does Matrix punish the status of homelessness, but it also violates the Constitution's guaranteed freedom to travel—the Fourteenth Amendment. Matrix is allegedly designed both to deter homeless people from traveling to the City and drive away those who are already here. The lawsuit also charges that the SFPD's policy of seizing and destroying the property of homeless people is a violation of the Fourth Amendment's right to due process and protection from unreasonable search and seizure.

Under the Matrix program, literally thousands of homeless people have also been cited for sleeping in city parks and on park benches. They have been ticketed for "camping" out and obstructing the sidewalk. They are subjected to early-morning police sweeps, and have had their shopping carts confiscated and personal property destroyed. Countless others have been prodded to move on under threat of arrest. And at least one person has been ticketed by the SFPD for loitering—under a law the California Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a decade ago!

According to Marcia Rosen, deputy director of the Lawyers Committee, the City is spending about $100,000 a month in police hours to enforce Matrix. "Our tax dollars are being spent in the guise of cleaning up crime. We are, instead, creating a new American crime of being poor and without a home." She added, "We are sure that the Federal Court will hear this complaint and see it for what it is."

Mayor Jordan's office declined to comment on the lawsuit. City Attorney Louise Renne acknowledged that her office will be handling the case, but she will make no comment until the City officially files an answer to the suit. Eleanor Jacobs, the Mayor's homeless coordinator, was, as usual, not available for comment.

The Mayor, however, has been outspoken in his defense of the Matrix program since its inception. On the very same day the lawsuit was filed, City Hall was inundated with representatives from a number of religious communities—all demanding that Jordan terminate Matrix. Jordan depicted Matrix both as a social service program for the homeless and as an enforcement program against street people. When Jordan's office was later asked to define the difference between "street people" and "the homeless," Jordan's office offered a threadbare explanation: "Street people would be professionally operating under the guise of [being] homeless. The homeless are those unfortunate souls who are down on their luck."

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### QUALITY OF LIFE ENFORCEMENT: WHOSE LIFE? WHOSE QUALITY?

While the Mayor's office portrays Matrix as a social service and outreach program—instead of a bash-the-homeless effort—reality on the streets is very different. In fact, Matrix started as a law-enforcement program targeting the homeless. And that is what it has remained. Roughly ten times the number of homeless people have been cited or confronted by the SFPD as compared to those who have been assisted by social service agencies.

Tim Smith, a gay man originally from Louisiana, is one of the thousands who have been cited by the SFPD. He is also one of the ACLU plaintiffs in the lawsuit. It was not citations for "camping" that caused Smith to join the suit; it was the arbitrary destruction of his property. On Nov. 12, Smith and a few others went to Glide Church for breakfast, leaving their property in the care of a friend. Moments after they left Civic Center, a squad car and garbage truck suddenly appeared. The police officer promptly declared all the property abandoned and, ignoring pleas to the contrary, had it crushed in the garbage truck.

"He stole my belongings and destroyed them," asserted Smith bitterly. "I had walked away from them for five minutes." Smith compared it to when people park their cars on city streets: "Would they want a tow truck to come and take their car because they 'abandoned' it? Jordan was not in his house for over two months. Did they say the house was abandoned?"

Representing Smith, Marcia Rosen of the Lawyers Committee snapped, "Our City's response has been to criminalize people because they have no bed to sleep in." She added, "This program ... is a sham as a response to homelessness." Rosen said official figures from city and county sources indicate there are between 11,000 and 16,000 homeless people in San Francisco. Yet there are only 840 city-funded beds.

Rosen added that under Matrix the SFPD has made over 3,000 contacts with homeless people—most of them resulting in citations. In contrast, she said, there have been a combined total of 338 contacts between the homeless and social service, mental health and public health agencies. The result? Sixty-seven beds have been found for homeless people, and 13 people have been 5150'd (i.e., involuntarily put on psychiatric hold for 48 hours).

Not only is Matrix considered a joke as a social service program, but many, including Rosen, believe Matrix is also a "sham" in terms of law enforcement. In fact, there have been no felony prosecutions so far. And, according to Terry Jackson, head of the Misdemeanor Trials Unit for the District Attorney's Office, there have been no misdemeanor prosecutions either. Jackson said however, that many of the citations being given out are merely infractions that would never end up in her court anyway.

John Crew, the ACLU's specialist on police conduct, suggested that Matrix is simply a tool to harass the homeless. "The very first Matrix enforcement order ... suggested improper enforcement." Crew charged that, at first, most citations were for sleeping in the park. But many of those citations were for sleeping in the park during the daytime, which is not illegal. Sleeping in parks is only prohibited between 10 pm and 6 am.

After complaints about police misuse of the nighttime park closure law, SFPD officers began using an anti-camping statute against homeless people. Homeless people began receiving tickets for camping in the park when they were sitting by their possessions or merely resting in their sleeping bag.

The problem with this, said Crew, is that, as written, the law only forbids the presence of temporary structures, i.e. tents and shelters. Even after the SFPD wrote a memo clarifying that tickets could be given out only if an actual shelter was involved, not just a sleeping bag, officers continued to hand out tickets. "There has been a lot of lip service paid to appropriately enforcing the laws," said Crew.

Crew estimates that over 800 people have been cited incorrectly by the police for camping and sleeping. He also charges that the other laws used by Matrix are also incorrectly applied.

### MATRIX CRITICS ARE NOT ALONE

The "only functional impact of this kind of intimidation is to drive people out," charges the ACLU's Schlosser. "The cruel tone of the whole homeless program is coming from the top. It is coming from the Mayor. It is the official policy of the City. Because of that, we believe a federal court will step in and call a halt to this program."

The Mayor appears inordinately proud of the Matrix program and recent reports have him touting its benefits across the nation. According to a Nov. 23 *San Francisco Chronicle* article, Jordan is preparing for a sustained legal campaign, complete with a slush fund to fight the case.

Schlosser responded carefully. "It is interesting that they are finding the money to mount a major legal challenge when the response to a lot of [other] social problems is: 'an absence of money.' " But the ACLU is not without its own heavy artillery. At least three court decisions around the country back the ACLU's contentions. And in California, there are ongoing constitutional challenges to some of the laws being used to enforce and justify the Matrix program.

In Miami, in 1992, a judge granted a permanent injunction against that city's enforcement of policies against the homeless—policies that were similar to the Matrix program. "If there are inadequate shelter spaces or beds ... you can't make being on the streets a crime," said Schlosser. A similar injunction was handed down in Huntsville, Alabama, in September of this year. And in California, the U.S. Ninth District Court is scheduled to rule this month on whether California's anti-panhandling statute is constitutional.

"We are aware there have been decisions in other jurisdictions," said City Attorney Louise Renne. "But we think there are distinctions here, and that is what we are examining."

Meanwhile, in deepest Orange County, Harry Simon, staff attorney for that county's Legal Aid Society, is suing the Santa Ana city governement, which seems to view the homeless with the same disdain as Mayor Jordan. Simon is suing to overturn Santa Ana legislation that makes it a crime to lodge on any property without specific permission or to use a blanket or sleeping bag within the city limits. "The city of Santa Ana is effectively making it a crime to be homeless within the city limits," said Simon.

He added that such policies are par for the course, especially considering the reactionary politics of Orange County. But when San Francisco starts acting like Orange County, it makes Harry Simon irritable: "I was under the impression that San Francisco was a liberal community that actually cared about the poor."

"It is surprising to me that a city that prides itself on being progressive has decided to solve social problems associated with homelessness by driving the homeless to other cities and criminalizing their basic existence," said Simon. He added, "The city of San Francisco is attempting to avoid those problems by sticking its head in the sand." Welcome to Jordanland—the Orange County of Northern California.


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## A Holiday Reminder About Emporium

SAN FRANCISCO - U.S. Rep. Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo) blasted the management of the Emporium department stores for allegedly instigating a labor dispute by refusing to engage in constructive bargaining with employees to resolve a contract stalemate.

Lantos invited representatives from Carter Hawley Hale, the Emporium's parent company, and the union to meet in his office to try and forge a settlement.

The dispute involves more than 700 workers at two San Francisco Emporium stores (one on Market Street, the other in Stonestown), members of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 101, who have been working without a contract since July. Disputed issues include the company's desire to implement sales quotas and other productivity-based wage scales. It also wants to remove discrimination protections from the union contract (which could affect queer workers) and freeze wages for three years.

Approximately 100 protesters marched in front of Emporium's Market Street store on Nov. 26 in what has promised to be a holiday campaign against the store unless it resolves the contract stalemate. Emporium has 22 stores throughout Northern California.

## Nail Those Crackers

SACRAMENTO - California's two largest public pension funds—the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS)—voted their shares in favor of a shareholder resolution urging Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores to implement non-discrimination policies for gay/lesbian/bisexual employees at the shareholders meeting on Nov. 23.

The resolution lost, with only 14 percent of the vote, but it can come up for another vote next year. A second resolution, changing the board to "reflect the varied races, genders and sexual orientations of shareholders," was also resoundingly defeated.

In 1991, Cracker Barrel, a company operating approximately 100 restaurant-gift shops primarily in the South and Midwest, adopted a policy against employing gays and lesbians. As a result, 11 of the company's 11,000 employees have been fired because of their sexual orientation.

The company denies that it still discriminates. Chair Dan Evins said at the shareholders meeting that the company "is an equal-opportunity employer that adheres to the letter and spirit of the law regarding equal treatment in the workplace. We hire and promote men and women solely on the basis of their qualifications."

On Sept. 25, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution from Supe Carole Migden, calling on PERS and CTRS to vote in favor of the NYERS gay-rights resolution at the Cracker Barrel meeting. It also asked other local companies to do the same. Migden's resolution, distributed far and wide, helped get the two California state shareholders to move on this matter.

## American Airlines Chastized

SAN FRANCISCO - Mayor Jordan on Nov. 24 signed legislation urging American Airlines to implement a mandatory training program to educate employees about AIDS and HIV. That legislation was introduced by Supervisor Carole Migden in response to the airline's mistreatment of Timothy Holless, a passenger with AIDS.

**Not only does Pastor David Innes of Hamilton Square Baptist think the Bible is the absolute truth, he wants an exclusive copyright on it! All three of SF's queer papers, plus *The Bay Guardian* got a letter from Innes' church that bans reporters, and demands we cease and desist attending their services (aw shucks). Pictured: Innes (not the one holding the sign) and Dog at the recent "christian" vs. queer melee at the Supes' Chambers.** Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Jordan also signed another piece of Migden legislation that urged Congress to require all airlines to establish programs teaching their employees about AIDS and HIV.

The airline officially apologized to Holless in a letter dated Nov. 17. Writes Customer Services Vice President George Mueller, "We apologize for any inconvenience, discomfort or embarrassment that you may have felt."

Meanwhile, ACT UP Washington is urging a boycott of the airline until it develops company policy around AIDS to reflect sound science; begins an intensive mandatory company-wide AIDS education program; and adopts AIDS as a corporate cause.

## Supes Form Task Force On Prostitution

SAN FRANCISCO - On Nov. 15, the Board of Supervisors approved legislation to establish a task force to study prostitution-reform issues, as submitted by Supervisor Terence Hallinan.

The Coalition on Prostitution has come out in favor of the task force, saying that laws against prostitution are disproportionately enforced against poor women and women of color. In addition, the group says, large numbers of women work on the streets because they are not permitted to organize safe, indoor businesses.

Says the Coalition in its recent press release, "Within the context of this task force, we hope that San Francisco can create a healthier approach to these issues."

## White Says He'll Run

SAN FRANCISCO - At a gala celebration of the Vanguard Foundation's 21st anniversary on Nov. 20, local African-American gay community organizer Simeon White announced his candidacy for the Board of Supervisors.

White received a community service award from the progressive foundation in recognition of his three decades of civil rights activism and community organizing that started in North Carolina in the '60s. A host of celebrities were on hand at the gala, including Whoopi Goldberg, Alice Walker, Pratibha Parmar, Harry Belafonte, Dolores Huerta and Roberta Achtenberg.

## ACLU Appeals Bottoms Case

NEW YORK - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the ACLU of Virginia asked the Virginia Court of Appeals to overturn a lower court decision on behalf of Sharon Bottoms, a 23-year-old Virginia woman who lost custody of her two-year-old son in September because she is in a lesbian relationship.

Because there was no evidence that the mother's lesbian relationship had any detrimental effect on the child, the ACLU is asking the appeals court to reverse the trial judge's ruling and restore custody to Bottoms.

William B. Rubenstein, director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, says that the case "raises a critical principle—that parents be judged according to their parenting ability, not their sexual orientation."

## Old Dyke Awards

SAN FRANCISCO - Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders and the Pat Bond Committee are now seeking nominations of lesbians over 60 whose contributions to the community have not been sufficiently acknowledged.

Nominations are due Jan. 15, 1994. Three women will be selected and $200 awards will be presented to each of them at a ceremony on April 24, 1994. To be eligible, the candidate must live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco,

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## Continuum Settles Suit

SAN FRANCISCO - The California Department of Health Services has settled out of court subsequent to a suit being filed by Continuum, Northern California's AIDS day health center, agreeing to reimburse the outfit for its clients.

The department's initial refusal to reimburse put Continuum in financial jeopardy.

Now, the City Department of Public Health's AIDS Office and the HIV Health Services Planning Council are bailing out the ailing agency, providing it with a one-time emergency grant to keep its doors open through June 1994.

William D. Glenn, a longtime leader in the HIV service community, has been appointed permanent executive director.

## Florida Queers: Help!

TAMPA - Under attack from far-right extremists, Florida organizers are sending out a call for help to activists across the country. The American Family Association began gathering petitions earlier this year to place a Colorado-style ballot initiative before voters in the November 1994 elections.

In addition to countering the far Right, Floridians have also begun a petition drive that would place on the November ballot a Constitutional amendment expanding the state's constitutional Right to Privacy. The state's existing privacy right, which applies only to government, is one of the strongest in the country. Courts have used it as the basis for protecting a woman's right to reproductive choice, and a bisexual sheriff's deputy was reinstated after the court determined that his firing demonstrated an unwarranted intrusion into his private life.

The goal of Florida queers is to expand those protections to the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations and credit.

## Beware of Those "Human Sexual Acts"

IOWA CITY - Because students complained about sexually explicit materials in the classrooms at the University of Iowa, and professors objected to giving students a warning about the same, the Board of Regents has imposed its edict: teachers will tell students when (eek!) "explicit representations of human sexual acts" are about to invade their classroom.

It all started, it seems, in Sept. 1991, when a German class showed the gay classic "Taxi Zum Klo" (double eek!) and students, faculty and parents freaked big time. Then an art teaching assistant showed a local artist's eight-minute film with (count them!) 15 seconds of men giving blow jobs (one of my favorite works of art) to each other.

What does the U prez think of the new policy? "We don't like it," says Hunter Rawlings. "It gives us ...a certain uniqueness in American higher education that I think none of us savors."

Says the teaching assistant who showed the blow-jobs: "I think it boils down to censorship. It's not conducive to good teaching or good learning. I feel like the policy has come out of an atmosphere of homophobia, even though the regents say that's not true."

## Parton Tells All

RADNOR - Ever care what singer/actress Dolly Parton feels about rumors that she's a lesbian? Well, if you do, pick up the Nov. 27 issue of TV Guide, published in this small town outside of Philadelphia.

Parton, in a candid interview with the publication, denies that she and her close friend Judy Ogle are lovers. "But what would be the big deal if the rumors were true?" she asks. "There are a lot of gay people in the world. I'm just not one of 'em. Why is it that they have to dirty every beautiful thing?" Why does lesbianism "dirty" anything?

## NAMBLA Responds to ILGA

NEW YORK - The North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) has responded to a threat of ouster from the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) after it became apparent that ILGA might lose its U.N. advisory status if pedophile organizations were part of it.

Says a Nov. 15 statement from NAMBLA's New York office, "NAMBLA delegates to ILGA helped write ILGA's constitution, its official positions on the sexual rights of youth, and its stands against sexual coercion and corporal punishment."

On Oct. 16, the U.S. Mission to the U.N.'s Lisa Williams-Manigault sent a letter to ILGA stating that the United States will seek ILGA's removal from the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council unless ILGA disassociates itself from groups like NAMBLA

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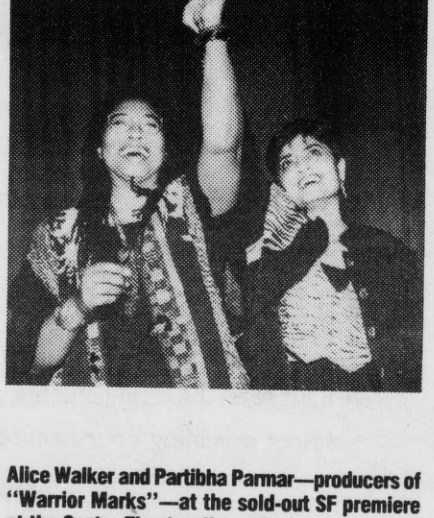

**Alice Walker and Partibha Parmar—producers of "Warrior Marks"—at the sold-out SF premiere at the Castro Theatre, Nov. 18.** Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

**Godfather Service Fund's annual teddie bear sale on Castro Street.** Photo by Rink.

**Eileen Hansen received The Harry Britt Award from Carole Migden at the Milk Club Awards Reception on Nov. 18.** Photo by Rink.

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## Bits & Pieces I: Local

• In response to recent studies that show a marked increased in HIV among young people, the AIDS Foundation released two new brochures: "Good for Life (Buen Provecho)." targeted for high-schoolers with safe-sex tips; and "What About Ecstasy: A Practical Guide to MDMA" which offers clear, nonjudgmental info on many clubgoers' drug of choice. The latter will be distributed at nightclubs, clothing stores and cafes.

• A check for $200,000 will be presented to Dolores Street Community Services on Dec. 7 for a new residence for homeless people disabled by AIDS, which is at 220 Dolores/15th. The gift comes from the estate of Richard M. Cohen, who died of AIDS in 1991 at the age of 42. Cohen was co-owner of Hartford Properties and active locally in music and philanthropy.

• Pastors for Peace, a humanitarian aid organization, received a "cease and desist" letter from the U.S. Treasury Department, threatening it with fines up to $1 million and 10 years in prison if the group goes forward with its trip to Cuba. The group plans to build and repair houses in a low-income neighborhood of Havana. The threats apparently won't stop the mission.

• The second annual "Hand-to-Hand Food & Gift Festival" will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 11 am-5 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the San Francisco Marriott at 55 Fourth Street. Tickets are $5 in advance for adaults, $7.50 at the door, and children under 12 enter free. The festival benefits Project Open Hand. Over 75 of the Bay Area's restaurants and food and gift vendors will be on hand to offer fabulous food, from 50 cents to $5. Unique food items and gift baskets will also be for sale. For more info, call (415) 512-5000, ext. 4263.

• The statewide HIV/AIDS organization dedicated to inmates, ex-cons, probationers/parolees and their families, Correctional HIV Consortium, will sponsor a holiday "wish" campaign for children of California prisoners, where either the prisoner, the parolee, the ex-con or their child has HIV or AIDS. Write the group at 3463 State St., #204, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, (805) 899-3820.

• San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan annonced recently that Robert Oakes, his liasion to the gay/lesbian community, successfully lobbied the health department for two contracts totaling $75,000 for Mobilization Against AIDS to support AIDS care and HIV prevention.

• Jordan also recently signed three resolutions advocating the compassionate use of marijuana for individuals suffering from cancer and HIV/AIDS. Two call for laws (one state, one federal); the third asks the Health Commission to address the issue of the medical use of marijuana in the Health Department's master plan to reduce substance abuse and HIV.

• Autodesk, Inc., has joined the ranks of major software companies offering domestic partner benefits to same-sex couples. The benefits include medical, dental and vision health care; relocation assistance; family leave; bereavement leave; and COBRA. The benefits go into effect Jan. 1.

• The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc., says that $35,605.00 was donated at the gates at Halloween in the Castro this year. The group is inviting Bay Area organizations that provide AIDS services or education to minority and high-risk groups to submit proposals for grant funding. Deadline: Dec. 31. Proposals should include an outline of how funds are to be spent and the amount requested, as well as the percentage of organizational budget this amount represents. Mail to: Halloween in the Castro Committee, c/o Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc., 584 Castro, Suite 392, SF 94114-2588.

• Witness for Reconciliation is a new group formed in response to the 205th Presbyterian General Assembly's call for a study/dialogue on the question of whether to permit the ordination of lesbian/gay Presbyterians. Beginning in January, creative teams will be available to visit with congregations. For more info, contact Lisa Larges, Project Director, Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, SF 94114, (415) 648-0547.


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**David Flores is the assistant manager at Under One Roof, where the millionth dollar crossed the counter last month.** Photo by Rink.

• A reminder that Comedy Central presents "Out There," the outfront queer comedy show taped in San Francisco on Oct. 11, on Dec. 3 at 10 pm. Check local listings for channel. It repeats Dec. 4 at 1 am; Dec. 5 at 11 pm; and Jan. 1 at 12 midnight. Stars include Lea DeLaria, Bob Smith (of Funny Gay Males) and local Marga Gomez.

• Brooke Oliver of Berkeley, a third-year student at Golden Gate University School of Law, is the first recipient of a scholarship designed to benefit lesbian/gay/bisexual students at the local law school. The Michael A. Zamperini-W. Clay Burchell Law Scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of academic merit. It was started with a $15,000 grant to the law school by Director of Writing and Research Professor Zamperini and his partner Burchell, a former official with the federal government.

• A resource guide that describes 179 gay, lesbian and bisexual newspapers across the United States has been published by Jim Sorrells of Guerneville, Calif. To receive a copy of The Directory, send a check or money order for $17.95 to Sorrells, Box 1946, Guerneville, CA 95446.

• From his home in Palo Alto, ex-Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, whose case against the military won a pro-gay ruling that is being appealed by the Clinton administration, told the Associated Press that he hopes to go to law school, run for Congress, and eventually become Secretary of the Navy or Defense. Says the man who courts a gay-boy-next-door image, "I have overwhelming support everywhere I go."

## Bits & Pieces II: National

• The American AIDS Political Action Committee was officially launched in D.C. on Nov. 29. According to Tom Sheridan, the group's treasurer, the committee's goals are to increase candidate awareness and voter education around AIDS by building a bipartisan approach to a new, comprehensive federal AIDS policy.

• The Human Rights Campaign Fund has released a 4,000 word Plan of Action for the next six months, which includes the creation of a major new national constituent-mobilization program, the first major research and message development program in the history of the queer community, and a commitment to become actively involved in anti-lesbian/gay ballot fights on the state level in 1994. The plan is "a work in progress," says Tim McFeeley, director of the outfit.

• The Design Industries Foundation for AIDS has appointed Tom Dunlap as its new director of grantmaking. He's an experienced AIDS advocate and former chair of the Board of Trustees of the group's Houston chapter.

• In an episode that airs Dec. 5 on CNN, "True Stories—Blood, Sweat and Fear" presents three segments: one questioning whether Wisconsin's largest insurance company had a policy of not writing coverage for Blacks; a second on U.S. workers paid $1/hr. in high-fashion garment sweatshops; and a third on a U.S. company that allegedly exported AIDS-tainted blood to Costa Rica. Sounds like good viewing.

• Feminists for Free Expression, a national organization of diverse feminists who believe freedom of expression is vital to women's rights, has a roster of speakers who can address these topics and their significance. Contact the group at 2525 Times Square Station, NYC 10108-2525, (212) 496-8356.

• Megan Lucas, the Bellingham, Washington, woman who first gave up her three-year-old son, then tried to get him back from two gay men who were set to adopt him, has decided to give up the legal battle and raise him herself. She says that she doesn't object to gays, but doesn't feel a gay home is suitable for her son.

• Los Angeles City Council has passed a domestic partners bill guaranteeing coverage for partners of city employees. Jackie Goldberg, the city's first out lesbian council member, says, "This is a victory that was a long time in coming. It is a simple issue of equity. Justice delayed is justice denied."

• A report from the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice's Anti-Violence Project in Nashville, Tennessee, says that 41 percent of gays/lesbians/bisexuals surveyed in the middle section of the state report experiencing threats of violence during the past five years.

• Gay activists in Massachusetts are upset over Gov. William Weld's nomination to a judgeship of a former state senator who opposed the state gay rights law and blamed gays for AIDS. Edward P. Kirby is up for appeals judge of the Department of Industrial Accidents. Though he denies being homophobic, some activists say that his record shows otherwise.

• Some women are saying that the University of Seattle infertility clinic refused services to them because they were single or lesbians. The director of the clinic says there hasn't been any discrimination. But the *Seattle Times* reported on an internal memo that mentions the objections of members of the staff to fertility procedures for single women on religious grounds.

• Air Force First Lt. Heidi DeJesus has been honorably discharged from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, after she dropped a suit that challenged the military's policy of excluding gays/lesbians/bisexuals from its ranks. DeJesus dropped the case due to a lack of funds and differences with her attorney. She now plans to move in with her partner and start a job search. Says DeJesus, "If the courts were to rule (in another case) that gays can serve, I would go back in a heartbeat."

## Bits & Pieces III: International

• How about this for budding Russian capitalism: The Kremlin Tours, a new gay/lesbian/bisexual travel service, is offering the American gay, lesbian or bisexual traveler a stay in the former "Evil Empire" accompanied by a "young and qualified guide-interpreter." Here's what the brochure has to say about the service: "You'll visit all the most interesting gay hangouts of Moscow and St. Petersburg, dance at the famous night gay discos and enjoy the peculiar atmosphere of private parties." And if you're not convinced that Russian queers are going the way of their queer Madison Avenue types here, sample this: "You'll know why people who do know The Gay Russia say there is only one choice—'The Kremlin Tours' Travel Agency." To contact the agency, call (7 095) 962-91-78 or fax to (7 095) 178-98-47.

• Speaking of travel, Lesbian and Gay Hospitality Exchange International has begun its membership campaign for '94. Members of this worldwide group for lesbians and gay men offer one or two nights' hospitality to other traveling members and are treated likewise when they travel. The group publishes an annual membership directory. It costs $25 (U.S. funds), and registration is due by Jan. 31. Write L/GHEI, c/o Garnet Colly, Box 612, Stn. C, Montreal, Quebec H2L 4K5, Canada.

• Also in Canada, the country's only openly gay member of Parliament, Svend Robinson, held onto his seat in the recent election by a small margin. He had three major opponents in the race.

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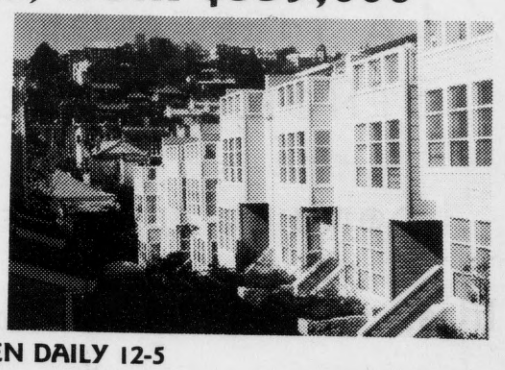

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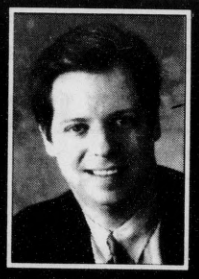

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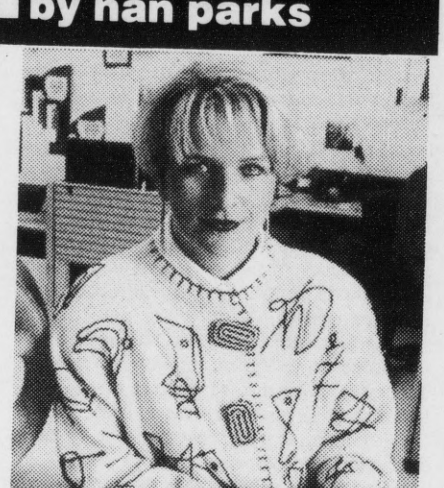

Well folks, Thanksgiving is over and that's one more thing to be thankful for I guess because it just seems in our family that we can never quite manage the "perfect holiday" whether it's Christmas or whatever but we always end up at Mom's house in San Bernardino (even though I've told Mom for several years I'd be happy to have Thanksgiving at my house and save her some of the work but she just insists and then at some point reminds all of us of how much work was involved so we all feel guilty but when we try and help she says "no no") and anyway we can't seem to get together without someone having a fight and this year we had at least three starting with a big argument over a football penalty or something which Doug said was correctly "called" and Uncle Dan said was wrong and you would think since the game was over and the announcers—who know what they're talking about I guess— hadn't said anything ILLEGAL (football-wise) was done that the matter would be settled but Uncle Dan wouldn't let it go and neither would Doug and they raised their voices and everything until Dan's daughter Beth made Dan be quiet. So anyway Carol said she wouldn't go unless she could bring Ghislaine and Mom said absolutely not, it was a family occasion and Carol came with Ghislaine ANYWAY and Mom asked Ghislaine if she didn't miss HER OWN FAMILY on Thanksgiving and Ghislaine said not at all since there is no Thanksgiving in France and Mom said that couldn't be true as if France was some kind of backward country and Carol had to point out that Thanksgiving came from the pilgrims and so forth and had nothing to do with France—which seems really obvious to me—and Mom wasn't quite satisfied with that and then just turned her back on Ghislaine and Carol and cut them off in a rude way that was not quite rude enough so someone could SAY something but had its effect.

So anyway I went into the kitchen a little later to "help" and Beth was in there and she and Mom were talking and I heard the word "perversion" (coming from Mom) so I guess she was talking about Carol and I asked what they were talking about and Mom said "we are discussing your sister's behavior" and I suggested that since it was a holiday why didn't she just try and have a good time and Mom said she had a Christian home and it was not possible to have "a good time" as I put it in a Christian home when the Lord's Word was being flaunted right under her roof, and I said that it wasn't very Christian to be rude to a guest and pointed out that Jesus was very nice to prostitutes and lepers and so forth (not that I meant lesbians were on the order of prostitutes and lepers—not that there's anything WRONG in being a leper or even a prostitute—you know what I mean) and also that Jesus said Let He Who Is Without Sin Cast The First Stone and anyway Mom told me that I was in no position to quote scripture to HER (as if I had ALSO been flaunting the Word of the Lord) so I left and went back to the living room where Ghislaine was talking to Beth's new husband Rick who is an assistant manager at a Ford dealership in Anaheim and anyway he was telling Ghislaine all about the Ford Taurus and she looked very polite and poised under the circumstance because I think I know her well enough to know that she couldn't really have been interested and when she saw me I think she was really pleased because she said "Nan please join us...Rick is telling me how they develop sticker prices" and she gave me a meaningful look so I sat down and I told Rick that Ghislaine was from France and Rick actually said that he guessed she must know how to speak French and she just said yes she did without a change of expression or anything even though that HAD to be the stupidest comment he could have come up with and I just sighed inside because I hadn't realized what a LAMEBRAIN my cousin Beth had married, and our family doesn't need any more of those!

So we finally ate and Ghislaine and Carol had brought two bottles of fancy French wine which I found absolutely delicious (I tried to memorize the label but it was in French and Ghislaine told me it meant white horse and it came from "St Emilion") and Beth and Rick had brought some Fetzer Pinot Noir and Mom tried both at the table and actually said aloud that she might not be very sophisticated about wine but she knew what she liked and she preferred the Fetzer (which was such an unnecessary comment) and Ghislaine said taste in wine is a very individual thing and no one should let anyone else make those judgements for themselves and Doug junior was sitting next to Ghislaine and she gave him a sip of her wine because I guess he had asked and there was no harm done but Mom saw and said "What do you think you're doing!" in a sharp voice, and then said "I don't care what they do in France but in this country we do NOT let children drink alcohol and I won't HAVE IT AT MY TABLE!", and we were all shocked into silence and then Ghislaine turned to my mother and said something like 'Mrs. Stanhouer, in my country we do not scream at guests at the dinner table so clearly we are both victims of a certain cultural disparity and for my part I apologize' and Mom didn't say anything and we were all quiet for a few minutes until Rick started in talking about sales quotas at his dealership and everyone appeared FASCINATED and Carol got up from the table after the last bite and she and Ghislaine left and of course as soon as they were gone Mom pointed out to everyone that they hadn't even offered to help with the dishes and Doug said in a nice way that she really hadn't made them feel very welcome here so it wasn't unusual that they left quickly and Mom said that they WEREN'T welcome here and I said "What kind of a family are we anyway!" because she was just being so MEAN, and Mom said we're a God-fearing family or some such nonsense and anyway when Doug and the boys and I were in the car going home he said "Nan, that is the LAST time we are ever spending a holiday in that house" and I felt so depressed by the whole thing I certainly wasn't going to argue with that. ✿

# young-eyed

## LYRIC Update

*by Mindy Ridgway, 21*

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) staff member Rachael Timoner, 23, has just finished training a new set of volunteers for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth Talkline. Rachael was more interested in "the political parts of being queer" when she moved here two years ago, and she worked as a freelance writer and as an aide to former SF Supervisor Harry Britt before becoming coordinator for the Talkline. She and I spoke about the history of LYRIC and their recent accomplishments, the adult community's reaction to their work and how the Talkline is going.

*(Bay Times) Can you tell me about the beginnings of LYRIC?*

(Rachel Timoner) LYRIC was started in 1988 by two adult women who realized that there was a real lack of lesbian, gay, transsexual and bisexual youth services in the San Francisco Bay Area. They organized the first dance, and 40 people came. It was an all-volunteer organization, and they recruited young people from that first dance. For the next two years, they organized event after event—hiking trips, camping trips, bake sales in the Castro, picnics. After a couple of years, one of the women wrote a grant to try to get funding for a position, so they could start writing more grants and planning more ongoing activities. She started working half-time and started the Young Women's Group and the Young Men's Group. Over time, they were able to have two more staff positions, and the director became full time. Over the past year and a half, we've grown dramatically—we've gone from that to having nine staff people and now have two new programs: the Talkline and the After-school Recreation Program.


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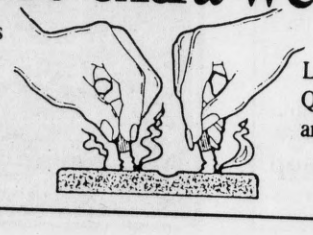

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We're growing very, very fast. In the past year, we bought a house on Collingwood to use as a youth center, with money from the city that was helped along by Roberta Achtenberg and others. We're in the process of renovating it. The first floor will be used as a drop-in center, the second floor for the Talkline, and the third will be for our offices. By January or February, we hope to be incorporated as our own nonprofit and will have our own board of directors, which will have three youth representatives.

*What has been the reaction of the other homeowners on Collingwood Street?*

Originally when we tried to buy the house, there was a lot of opposition from the neighbors. It was interesting because it wasn't about who we were. In fact, most of the neighbors were saying how wonderful LYRIC was and that the Youth Center was such an important project—just not in their neighborhood. We spent a lot of time trying to convince them that we would be good neighbors, and many ended up agreeing with us. Some remained our opponents, and we eventually had to go to the Planning Commission, where we agreed to have only so many people per floor, to operate within certain hours, etc. Most of our opponents are now working with us on a neighborhood advisory board.

*How did this situation make you feel?*

Personally, I felt frustrated. Even though I understood the NIMBY syndrome and realized that many people actually supported our project, I was disappointed that even in the Castro people would be opposed to a gay, lesbian and transgender youth center. There has been a lot of ageism in our community, and this situation really highlighted the depth and extent of it. To have some of our opponents be lesbian, gay and bisexual people was also disappointing. I'd like to think they'd have a broader vision of the movement and weren't as self-interested as they turned out to be.

*How has the community reacted to LYRIC generally?*

There is a broad range of reactions. We have a tremendous number of adult allies. There are so many agencies that always remember to include young people and our issues in their agendas. There are also a lot of agencies who ignore us. Then there is also some hostility; I've heard older people in the community say that young people have it so much better than they had it, and where do we get off demanding rights? There's definitely a wide range of opinions.

*How is the LYRIC Youth Talkline going?*

Really, really well. It's utterly surpassed everyone's expectations. I became the project director last January, and my job was to start the Talkline from scratch; I had to figure out what we wanted it to look like and even just how to run a hotline, which I had never done before. We recruited volunteers last spring, and the line opened May 1.

When we started the Talkline, we knew there were youth out there who needed it and for whom the services we had were not really adequate, who were not yet ready to go into a group, but who needed an anonymous way to get in touch. We knew it was true, but we didn't know the extent to which this was true. We have had more than 3,000 calls since the line opened May 1, and each month we get more calls than we did before. Eventually, the line will be open every night of the week, and we will have several languages available. The volunteers are doing great, and I feel really good about it.

*Is there a typical caller to the Talkline?*

No. We do have quite a number of the basic coming-out callers who are learning how to define themselves for themselves. There are callers dealing with family, school and lover issues, and there are also calls about crises with regards to physical abuse or drugs and alcohol.

*Are there other talk lines like LYRIC's?*

There are a number of local talk lines around the country, and there are two national 800 numbers, one based in Austin and the other in In-

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# How Big Is Your Hard Drive?

"This is my first time," I confessed. I was defrocked, a virtual video virgin. I had heard wanton tales of bulletin board abandon. My trembling hand touched the keyboard. My shyness and not knowing what to do or expect prevented me from pressing entry.

"Yeah. That's what they all say," observed my friend, Dr. Bob. He has had experience with these things. Dr. Bob was applying software to my hard drive so I could peruse the bulletin boards of America Online. "It takes a lot of memory to install this information," he said, gesturing toward my preoccupied computer. Every now and then it would gurgle as it gulped in more information. "How big is your hard drive?" asked Dr. Bob. Well, that's what they all want to know, isn't it? How big it is, and all about your modem, and whether you fax on your first date.

"It's big enough to handle your program," I countered with bravado. There is something about hunting for Mr. Right with $5,000 worth of tech ware. It sets a tone. It draws an elitist line. Technology has expanded middle-class playland and the meaning of interaction with others. If you can afford a phone, computer, modem and appropriate software, you can bring vast numbers of people who share a common interest into your home. And you don't even have to clean house or shave before they arrive.

### CUPID'S COMPUTER CONUNDRUM

Although there are ethnic and cultural files in most major software programs, one is uncomfortably aware of the homogeneous, elitist parameters set simply by who can afford a computer, a modem, a printer, a credit card and monthly fees. Certainly not most poor people of color. Certainly not many women who still suffer lower wage earnings for doing the same job. But technology marches on, satisfying some of us and segregating others from the link to solvency and credibility in the next century.

There is a way to be more inclusive if we, the users of high tech, chose to be that way. Santa Monica (the city) uses its computer system for civic dialogue with the rich, the poor and others by making terminals available in several public locations.

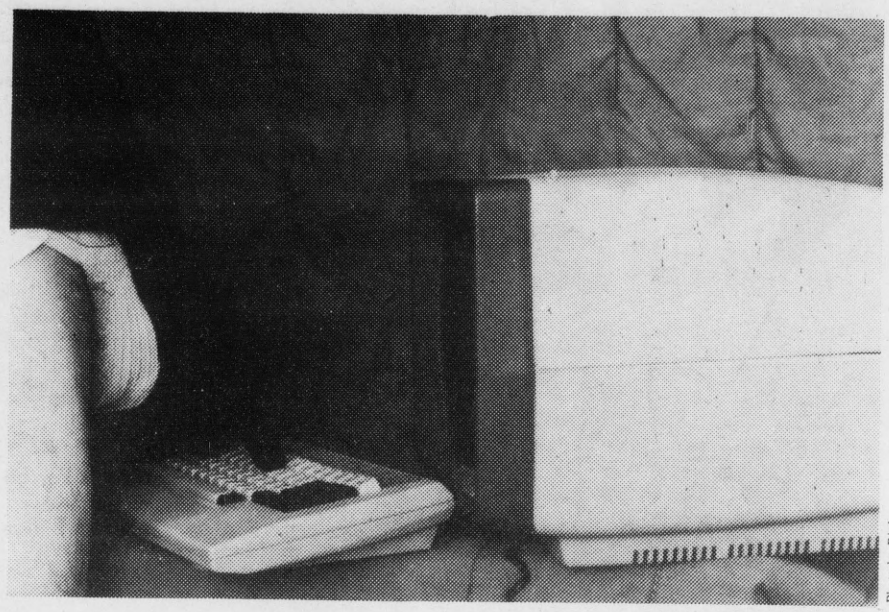
### BIG BROTHER IS WAITING FOR YOU

Internet is a huge, world-wide cloud of data link with little format or direction. Internet connects government agencies, libraries, major corporations, discussion groups, games (as in the movie War Games), bulletin boards and E-mail. Internet is so vast there is no directory of everything it offers. Just that thought is somewhat daunting. For example, if you wanted to send E-mail to President Clinton, you would type "President @ Whitehouse.GOV" and he (or someone on his staff) would receive your message. Isn't that special? You could E-mail Bill and Hillary tonight!

There are over 45,000 bulletin boards. Bulletin boards are places to meet people, post and retrieve information, and share common interests. For example, there is a Star Trek bulletin board for Trekkies. Risqilly BBS (708-495-6609) publishes a monthly gay and lesbian BBS list. On its September list were 456 nation-wide listings, 80 of which charge for their services. Four listings were exclusively for lesbians, three specifically for TV/TS, some were for gays *and* lesbians *and* bisexuals, for leather, for bears, for chubbies and chasers, and for various other special interests. Most, however, were for GWM. The list did not include 300 baud or part-time systems. And no, I will not call them all.

### BAUDY DISPLAY

Baud size is like dick size. How fast your modem transmits data is measured in bits per second (BPS) or referred to as baud. Most systems now accommodate 2400 baud. But eventually the industry will move toward accommodating the faster (bigger) 9600 modem. Forty-three BBS on the list have 9600 baud already. It looks like 9600 is the next generation in transmittalk systems. Soon, my 2400 won't cut the mustard.



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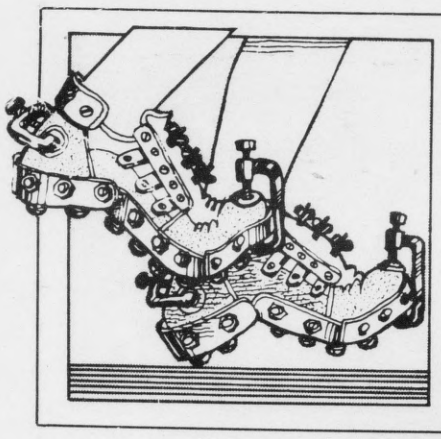
### THE BIG EIGHT

What follows is a comparison and some observations on the major players in interactive communication services from the perspective of a novice—moi. So for those of you with more worldly experience than me, be gentle. Ultimately, you must decide if an Internet connection is important to you, how you feel about the services provided: your rapport with the other members on-line. It is more a question of how does the shoe fit than which is the cheapest.

**Prodigy** is the most popular on-line service. No chat. On-screen advertising and a 25-cent charge for each E-mail. Two years ago, Prodigy got into a flap over anti-Semitic messages appearing on its bulletin board. Prodigy's guidelines prohibit profanity and personal attacks against individuals, but apparently not against groups. Prodigy also shut down a bulletin board on which there was a debate between Fundamentalist Christians and gays. There also have been rumors that Prodigy

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**CompuServe** has huge libraries of software. Its choices in services and information attracts many professionals. CompuServe also has a service called CB which permits on-line conversation, some of which can be highly sexual in content.

**GEnie** has games, games, games. GEnie has 150,000 files in its software library, and lots of special interest discussion groups; i.e., Aladdin, an off-line message program.

**America Online** can be difficult to operate without a mouse. That may mean some additional hardware for those PC lovers out there. America Online's 800 number is hard to reach for assistance. I am told America Online has a gay file, but I was not able to access it without a mouse. There was a flap over an America Online discussion among gay teens. A Fremont, Calif., man pretending to be a 13-year-old boy was hit on by a 50-year-old man. This service has a policy prohibiting pornographic discussions in "publicly accessible parts of our service." America Online has many members who do not understand the gay lifestyle and think they need to protect their sensibilities and approve of anything "gay" you do before you do it.

**Ziffnet** has information on computers, computer publications, shopping services and information exchange on computers. **Delphi** provides full features, access to Internet and two membership plans. **Imagination** claims to be an amusement park. Chat and games. IBM compatible only. No Macintosh access.

**The Well** is popular with writers. No on-line games. Full Internet access. The Well has bulletin boards which are open to frank and graphic discussions on sexual matters, as well as over 200 other topics.

### MAJOR UP-FRONT GAY SERVICE

We see the sultry ads in the papers and magazines. Many of us become confused as to what actually is the difference between 800, 900 and bulletin board numbers. Both 800 and 900 numbers only require a phone and/or a credit card. With 800 numbers, generally there is no way to charge except by use of credit card. 900 numbers generally charge through the long distance carrier that provides your phone service. Bulletin boards require that you have a computer and all of the necessary hardware and software in order to access their service. The Big Eight bill monthly through your credit card or directly for services rendered.

### DOING IT ON PHONES VS. DOING IT ON COMPUTERS

One does not need any of the Big Eight services to access most gay bulletin boards. PRO COMM, PRO COMM PLUS, or BIT COMM will do the trick. 800 and 900 number owners may charge what they want for services provided, but their charges must be given in advance. We have all seen the bimbo ads, male and female, asking you to call. A charge of anywhere from $1-4 per minute is indicated in small print.

So why pay so much more for a contact through an 800 or 900 number? I asked Larry Woolwine, owner of The Big One, a legitimate nation-wide 900 introductory service for straight, gay and lesbian big-framed people which charges 95 cents per minute to place and to listen to your messages.

"On the phone, you can hear the voice, as opposed to just reading type. By hearing the voice, you can get a better idea of who you are dealing with. People can be deceiving on the computer, thinking that you and they will never meet. So their objectives may be different and more immediate," observed Woolwine.

I asked Bill Essex of Fog City Computer Services what he sees as the difference between 800/900 services and computer bulletin boards. "The concept is entirely different. First of all there is an advantage to being able to be specific about what you are seeking before meeting a partner. You can do that on a gay bulletin board. You can get to know each other without having a lot of pressure about the physical get in the way right away. And although there is an element of fantasy involved in any means of meeting gay people, we do have gay and lesbian couples who have met through our bulletin board. And it costs less." Fog City is part of Gay Com, an electronic BBS link to 22 North American cities.

By the way, just as with Internet, there is a Gaynet which connects the gay press and allows them to input and download breaking news stories and important community information.

### AFTER THE FOREPLAY IS OVER

Because my readers want to know, I have called a 900 number of my choice. I'm not sure what that man was talking about. It had something to do with cold grapes and good suction. Anyway, after my research, some heavy breathing, and many key strokes later, I am finally caressing my entry key and taking the plunge into computer fantasy. Will love bytes prevail and a permanent partner appear on line? Will there be more sour grapes? I'm just a few modem moans away from contact. UUUUUHHHH! OH! YEAH! I hope this was as good for you as it was for me. I feel like having a cigarette, don't you? ✿

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dianapolis. I think local, grassroots hotlines work the best, because those are the lines best able to give a caller immediate and relevant information to their situation. I would like to see every region of this country covered by local hotlines so that anyone could have access to information about their local resources.

*Are others getting started?*

I went to a youth conference in Oregon where I was asked to present information about LYRIC's Talkline. Unfortunately, not much of my information was applicable to their situation. We got our funding through the city, which they are unlikely to be able to do, and we have a ton of community support. The contrast really demonstrated for me the opposition they're getting from religious fundamentalists and the lack of institutional support they have. I really learned how lucky we are to be here and how important it is to remember that the vast majority of us out there in the rest of the country are facing a radically different situation.

*The offices of LYRIC can be reached at (415) 703-6150. The Talkline has listeners available Thursdays through Sundays from 6:30 pm-11:30 pm. There is recorded information available at other times. The numbers are 863-3636, 1 800 246-PRIDE and 431-8812 TDD.*

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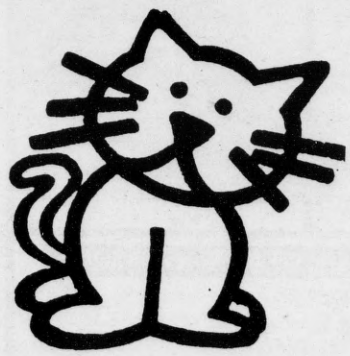
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# Weight Loss: A Role for Growth Hormone And Anabolic Steroids?

*by Dave Gilden*

Severe weight loss is a common and serious problem in people with advanced AIDS. Its relation to mortality has long been noted. Four years ago, a research article described a nutritional assessment of 32 deceased AIDS patients. The investigators found that these persons' final weight was about one-third their ideal weight. Total body cell mass was 54 percent of normal. These results were independent of the immediate cause of wasting, which could be any of a number of opportunistic infections. They suggested that maintaining body mass could prolong survival.

Obviously, the first thing to do to minimize weight loss is to treat the underlying infections that trigger it. But people with AIDS may not regain the weight dissipated during acute illness, and wasting may occur without any apparent opportunistic infection.

Karl Grunfeld, M.D., is an endocrinologist based at the San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Center who has researched and written extensively on HIV-associated wasting. He says, "Wasting is not inevitable, but a reflection of disease complications. People who rapidly lose weight almost always have opportunistic infections. And two-thirds of those with slow weight loss have gastrointestinal disorders. Everyone with HIV should have their weight charted, and when things change, the physician should look very carefully at the underlying condition."

There are two therapies approved specifically for HIV-related weight loss: Marinol (or THC, the active ingredient in marijuana) and Megace (a progesterone analog), which are both appetite stimulants. There also are a number of dietary supplements, both oral and intravenous, for people with problems absorbing enough nutrients to maintain the heightened levels of metabolic activity that occur during HIV infection.

Although appetite stimulation and nutritional supplementation are effective when the sole problem is insufficient nutrition, in people with HIV they usually contribute added pounds of fat, not the desperately needed protein stores in lean tissues such as muscle.

Wasting in AIDS is not like starvation, where the body reduces its metabolic rate and utilizes fat stores to make up for reduced food intake. Marc Hellerstein, M.D., a UC Berkeley endocrinologist who frequently works with Dr. Grunfeld, observes, "In AIDS, and other diseases, too, the body switches to preferring to metabolize protein over fat. And it's hard to put lean tissue back on just by consuming more nutrients."

As far as wasting is concerned, AIDS acts like any chronic disease. The body mobilizes its resources to meet the needs of emergency immune response and to repair critical damaged tissue. This response, which includes breaking down existing cellular protein, is appropriate in the short run but becomes literally self-destructive when extended in reaction to a chronic stressor like HIV.

Tumor necrosis factor and a number of other immune-system activation chemicals (cytokines), as well as changes in hormonal balance, such as increased production of cortisol, are thought to influence the shift to a wasting mode. Researchers are turning more and more to hormone-based therapies that overcome these basic wasting factors while, it is hoped, leaving valuable immune activity intact.

## HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE

Recombinant human growth hormone (rHGH) has been approved for several years now to correct small stature in children. This synthetic biotech product, which mimics the natural hormone produced by the pituitary gland, has a two-fold mode of action. It reduces protein breakdown and nitrogen excretion, while increasing fat metabolism. The availability of rHGH has led to considerable research into its use in adults to treat a wide variety of problems involving either lean tissue loss or obesity.

Two preliminary studies published this year found that human growth hormone triggered significant weight gain in people with HIV wasting. The first study compared high-dose versus low-dose rHGH in a total of ten people with AIDS or ARC. The 12-week trial found that weight loss was reversed in the high-dose group, with trial participants gaining an average of 3.8 kg of lean body mass and losing an average of 1.3 kg in fat mass. (Including extra water retention, total average weight gain was 3.2 kg.) Muscle power and endurance also improved significantly. Six weeks after the trial's completion however, most of these gains had disappeared.

In a local trial, six HIV-positive men and six HIV-negative controls were kept in a metabolic hospital ward for two weeks, where they were fed a uniform, controlled diet and given rHGH for a week. In the course of the treatment week, the HIV-positive men, who previously had lost nearly 20 percent of their original body weight, averaged a gain of 2.0 kg, compared to 1.6 kg in the HIV-negative men. Use of protein as fuel decreased significantly in the HIV-positive group, while their use of fat increased—hopefully sparing the body's protein.

The San Francisco research group is now part of a new national trial that involves 160 men and women at ten sites. After an initial, placebo-controlled three-month period, all the trial participants will receive open-label rHGH for an indefinite period.

"The FDA is calling this study 'pivotal,' " says Morris Schambelan, M.D., one of the study's investigators. "Besides being of longer duration and placebo-controlled, it will include endurance testing, better measurements of body composition, and quality of life data." There will also be immunological measurements—several reports have indicated that human growth hormone has immune-stimulating effects. [Note: This study, sponsored by Serono Laboratories, Inc., of Narwell, Massachusetts, is now recruiting at two sites in San Francisco—San Francisco General Hospital, and the VA Medical Center—and at eight other sites in the U.S.

The first group is now conducting one of several studies that combine human growth hormone with insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1). IGF-1 is produced by the liver in response to human growth hormone. Many, but not all, of growth hormone's effects seem to be really the result of IGF. "We're just in the early data-gathering phase for IGF," says Dr. Grunfeld. "We started with growth hormone because it has a track record. Once we get preliminary data we can try combinations of the two in order to avoid particular side-effect profiles."

Side effects of rHGH can include swelling in the limbs, joint stiffness and increases in blood sugar and fat levels. Reversible carpal-tunnel syndrome has been seen in people taking high doses of rHGH. Growth hormone is also reported to stimulate immune cell proliferation, but one group found that, in the test tube at least, rHGH also enhanced HIV replication. For this reason, volunteers in the national ten-site rHGH study are required to be taking AZT or a similar antiviral medication.

Among the reported side effects of IGF are jaw tenderness and low blood sugar. But long-term use of either of these drugs is an uncharted area.

## ANABOLIC STEROIDS

It is noteworthy that the two completed growth hormone trials took two years to get into print after they were completed. This was true despite the fact that rHGH and IGF are both high-tech, high-visibility products with very active corporate sponsors.

As growth hormone research grinds on, alternatives exist at the grass-roots level that cost one-tenth of what rHGH does. These are anabolic steroids, which body-builders and other athletes use to increase their muscle mass and stamina. The anabolic steroid family includes testosterone, and synthetic derivatives with fewer masculinizing effects.

A number of knowledgeable AIDS specialists have been prescribing testosterone to patients complaining of weight reductions plus loss of libido. But just correcting the frequent mild testosterone deficiencies is often not enough, and boosting testosterone levels above normal can have adverse consequences, including liver toxicities. This is where the synthetic anabolic steroids come in.

Despite anabolic steroids' "schedule III" legal status (they are controlled substances on the same level as aspirin-codeine combinations), a considerable anabolic steroid lore has accumulated in the sports world, and HIV-positive body-builders have brought that information to the AIDS community.

One such bridge is Brian Chadsey, M.D., a Los Angeles physician who is a former football player and body builder. Chadsey has been looking at anabolic steroids' effect on HIV wasting for eight years. He currently has almost 100 patients using the substances. "I've had phenomenal results," says Dr. Chadsey, "with patients commonly gaining 20 or 30 pounds. Anabolic steroids

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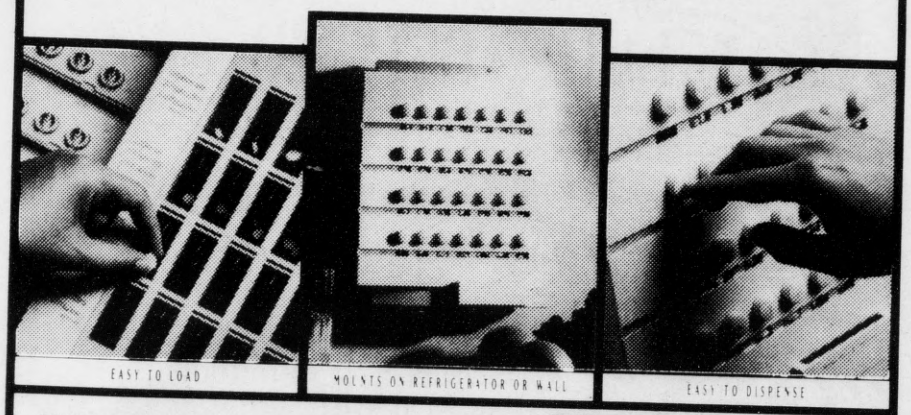


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are useful when people have unintentional weight losses of ten percent, low testosterone levels and decreases in daily functioning. Most doctors tell their patients to just live with weight loss, that it's part of the disease process. But wasting syndrome is probably an escalating event that leads to early death."

Dr. Chadsey also reports significant improvements in his patients' immune cell populations while on anabolic steroids. Three-quarters of his patients witnessed rises in their CD8 (cytotoxic lymphocyte) counts and 40 percent have had increases in CD4, or T-helper cell, levels.

In Sacramento, psychiatrist Michael Dullnig also drew on his weightlifting past when trying to control his own HIV-associated weight loss. Dr. Dullnig started personally taking anabolic steroids last spring, when a bout of mycobacterium avium left him 50 pounds below normal weight, extremely weak, and disabled in one leg. After following an individual regimen since May that includes anabolic steroids, extensive use of nutritional supplements, and a rigorous weight-training schedule, Dullnig says, "I'm back to the way I looked before, and my energy has returned. I feel like my life was given back to me."

Dullnig thinks that "exercise is the key. Steroids make cells receptive to building tissue, but you need exercise to stimulate the anabolic process. The right nutrients are also very important. This is like another period of adolescence." He does warn against overtraining, though. People need to pay attention to their physical limitations. Dr. Chadsey says that not all his patients are on exercise programs, although those who are get better results.

The murky social and legal atmosphere surrounding anabolic steroids makes it difficult for people with HIV to obtain the substances, or even reliable information about their proper use. Expert supervision when using anabolic steroids is especially important for women, who should take lower doses than men and need to follow a regimen with little potential for androgenic side effects.

And following an extensive exercise and food supplementation program is an obstacle for many people who are sick and lack stamina or digestive capacity. These are just the people who need the most protection from wasting.

Researchers justify focusing their attention on growth hormone because of such objections, but more clinical trials of anabolic steroids could also provide important information. Dr. Kotler, at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in New York, is in a unique position in that he is conducting separate clinical trials on both anabolic steroids and human growth hormone. Dr. Kotler says that, although the data has not yet been analyzed, the results of the two trials seem similar, with about half the people showing considerable improvement in body composition. Those who do not are people who come down with severe opportunistic infections. Meanwhile, no major side effects with either the anabolic steroid (in this case oral oxandrolone) or rHGH have been observed.

So which therapy is more appropriate? Dr. Kotler says, "We can't tell yet whether anabolic steroids, human growth hormone, or just testosterone replacement is best. I don't even know whether any of these are good long term or have hidden side effects."

Dr. Chadsey is also looking into using growth hormone to combat wasting. He thinks a combination of anabolic steroids and growth hormone may be desirable. "You need some androgenic effect to increase the reaction to growth hormone," he says.

Future therapies may well be tailored to the individual, based on an analysis of each person's hormonal and immune activity as well as overall disease state. Personal tolerance to the different therapies would be a factor, too.

Dr. Hellerstein speculates, "We may use a mixture of approaches depending on what people need: anabolic steroids for those with low testosterone, human growth hormone to correct metabolic imbalances, immune modulators to balance the immune system's effects, nutritional supplementation for malabsorbers, plus exercise for those who are able to do it."

# CMV Anti-Sense Drug Goes into Human Trials

Isis Pharmaceuticals of Carlsbad, California, is set to begin initial human trials of a radical new drug to treat CMV retinitis, which causes blindness if left untreated (it eventually infects the retinas of 20 percent or more of people with advanced AIDS). There are currently two CMV drugs available, ganciclovir and foscarnet, but both retard the course of the disease for only a few months in most cases. They also frequently cause severe side effects. Ganciclovir reduces white blood cell counts, while foscarnet can cause kidney toxicity.

Isis 2922, for which the company filed an Investigational New Drug application with the FDA on Oct. 27, is one of the furthest-developed of a new class of medications—antisense RNA. These compounds are synthetic creations that are exactly complementary to the RNA sequences produced by viral (or cancer) genes within a cell. The function of RNA is to convey instructions to the rest of the cell from any of the multitude of DNA-based genes in the cell nucleus. RNA encodes the structure of individual enzymes and other proteins necessary for cell function.

Antisense RNA locks onto the RNA produced by the disease-provoking genes, thus preventing the "bad" RNA from directing undesired protein production within the cell. It is hoped that antisense RNA will be so specific that it will nullify the disease process while leaving cells' natural chemical machinery alone.

The Isis drug blocks the functioning of CMV's IE2 gene. This gene encodes instructions for a protein that regulates the production of new CMV virus particles. Since Isis 2922 does not kill cells already infected with CMV, it is a long-term maintenance therapy and not a cure. Isis plans to try the drug by injecting it directly into volunteers' eyes on a weekly or biweekly basis. The initial 12-week safety trial will involve 25 people with CMV retinitis who are failing on standard therapies. This trial is not available to the general public. The volunteers will come from the practices of four physicians, whose identities have not been disclosed.

If the first trial is promising, Isis will conduct larger trials in the future. It is also considering some kind of expanded access program for people outside the official trials. Future development plans include trying Isis 2922 as first-line therapy for CMV retinitis and as a treatment for CMV infections elsewhere in the body.

Antisense is a new and speculative field. In the past, the use of antisense drugs has run into problems with unthinkably high cost, finding a critical target gene, delivering the drug to the proper tissues and cells, stability within the body, and low effectiveness. Whether antisense drugs really leave normal body processes alone also remains open to question. The local-injection method Isis is using for CMV retinitis minimizes most of these concerns. Similarly, the company's other antisense drug in human trials is an anti-genital wart medicine that is administered directly to the warts.

Isis is considered among the leading companies in antisense technology. However, another company, Hybridon, of Worcester, Massachusetts, is embarking on human trials of an antisense compound aimed at HIV.

Isis has set up a voice mail line for inquiries about its CMV therapy. Questions can be left by calling (619) 929-3898.

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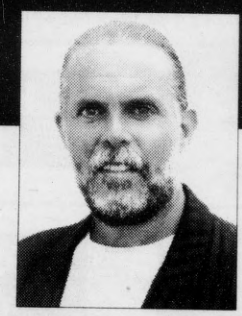

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# Dissemblance And December Dizziness

A newcomer to our fair city was terrified of the local community, scared that we'd be vindictive, judgmental, castigating and rigid. Wherever did he get such an idea? Why, from reading letters to the editors of the queer rags! It is indeed amazing how little there is in the way of kindness and constructive suggestion—or to paraphrase Elsa Maxwell's favorite needlepoint sofa pillow, "If you can't say anything nice about anyone, write a letter to the editor."

Well, we may lighten up a bit as Venus is going into Sagittarius. This will incline us to express ourselves a bit more graciously, to look more kindly toward others' philosophies and points of view. Venus in Sag inclines the world a bit more towards humor, open-mindedness, open displays of beauty and spiritual values. Alas, the incorrigibly dogmatic will just be more vociferous.

Red alert to those of you who sensibly despise the holidaze, with all their nuclear family terrorism, buy-arrhea, and lobotomous cheer: This year the season is especially so. Stock up on insulin. The lovely thing about astrology is that nothing is all bad. If you are in a position to make a buck, there is some advantage here (personal horoscopes make great gifts!) and travel—even with all escape routes overloaded—should go fairly smoothly.

## SUN SIGNS

**ARIES:** Lately you've been able to charm a snake out of its tree, or vice versa if one is speaking in Freudian metaphor. You've been exuding power, charisma and grace in a way that invites confidence. People have been leaning heavily on your currently broad shoulders, but now you will be both tempted and invited to speak out. Your counsel on challenging subjects such as sex and death will be extremely welcome now. As far as sex goes, much more than just your counsel will be welcome. You've never been shy, but outspokenness enhances your charm more than usual now.

**TAURUS:** This is a good time to consider the aesthetic issues of partnership, either to buy your sweetheart some clothes or cosmetics, or to reconsider your own sense of what your partner should look like, or how s/he should feel to you. Recent issues of sensuality, while strongly felt, may have been somehow just beyond verbal expression. Now you can find words and artistic means of conveying just what those issues are. In recent years your relations have been marked by depth and struggle. That's not about to change soon, but right now you can enjoy a special burst of frivolousness and levity.

**GEMINI:** You've been working well lately in relative seclusion, a bit obsessed perhaps, but enjoying the sense of accomplishment. Take a deep breath and enjoy the satisfaction of your endeavors. Get ready to reach out and share your work with others. Right now you have a special capacity to inspire others to enjoy their work. Your new radiance of charm and loquacity may seem to some a bit manipulative, but even that can inspire confidence. Your health is likely to be better than usual now, but be careful of rich foods.

**CANCER:** Your luck and creativity have both been better than usual lately and will now improve even more. The later you were born in the month of Cancer, the longer this lucky streak will continue. This is a good time to get any of your creative works published, produced or put on display, possibly leading toward blending your creative endeavors with your work. This is also a wonderful time for games of any sort. Your sign typically enjoys the company of children, but now more than ever you will have the endurance and cheer to entertain the little ones.

**LEO:** If you've been considering relocating, and especially if you've been considering emigrating, this is the time to do it! On a simpler scale of activities, this is also an ideal time to clean up any family business that's been lurking in your background. Open communication where silence has been festering, or clear up lingering misunderstandings. With the holidays coming up, you may find all kinds of opportunities to resolve old problems with remarkable ease. Or you may find the freedom within to enjoy the season as you please and let them all go hang. This is also an excellent time to take up the study of an ancestral tongue.

**VIRGO:** You've been tottering lately between extreme grace and charm on the one hand, and tremendous bitchery on the other. Well, now the gracious side will become even more overt, but your efforts at charm may be a little too eager and come off with more enthusiasm than grace. Engage the brain before opening the mouth, but don't worry too much about it. Your good intentions will shine through even your worst faux pas (which won't even be as bad as all that!). To keep your enthusiasm out of harm's way, you may want to focus on writing and sending out your holiday cards.

**LIBRA:** Have we been on a financial roller coaster lately? The drama has been principally of your own making, although things have actually been pretty nice. Your money situation should improve a bit, but when you catch yourself waxing poetic, you'll be back on a poet's budget. In the meantime, you tend to generosity and extravagance. Generosity will be repaid, so don't be shy. On the other hand, don't be profligate! Know the difference between sharing and throwing your money around.

**SCORPIO:** Did you get lots of nice clothes and trinkets for your birthday? Stuff that is truly lovely on others, but just not *you* at all? Well, my little arthropod, go ahead and try it out. Be adventurous and go for a new look. The stars are screaming at you to check out some new styles. Right now something exotic, something completely different and adventurous will open you up to all kinds of opportunities. The many seasonal events will give you plenty of opportunities to show off the new you. You're soon to come into a small financial upswing. Connections made in the midst of holiday madness will help.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You usually throw yourself into the seasonal frenzy of cheer, but this year you're more inclined to want to be alone. Garbo-esque seclusion rarely suits you, but a quiet retreat can prove very restorative. On the other hand you do have an awful lot of energy and social opportunities that are hard, sometimes even foolish, to refuse. The trick is to improvise and count on your usual good luck and instincts to pull you through. Accept all invitations provisionally but gracefully. (For example: "Gee, I'm all booked up that day, but I'd hate to miss it. If I can get away, is it all right if I just show up?") *Happy Birthday: Elyse Graham, Mary Messer and Keith Folger!*

**CAPRICORN:** The people who typify your sign as taciturn, authoritarian and saturnine are in for a big surprise as you now turn into a party animal. For those of you born early in the sign, this will be a brief spurt, passing soon into a period of comfortable and gracious withdrawal. Enjoy retreats in quiet rural spas, or at least hide out in a warm bubble bath and meditate a lot. Those of you born later on into January would do well to throw yourselves into the social whirl of the holidays and even take some responsibility for organizing the festivities. Whatever endeavors you do take up, you'll find friends and associates remarkably helpful.

**AQUARIUS:** For better or worse you've been drawing an awful lot of attention lately. However good or bad that attention has been, now it's going to get better. This is an excellent time to toot your own horn and ask your friends to stand up for you. There's a huge difference between eccentricity and adventurousness. Your well-calculated divergences from the norm, which you manage to pass off as free-wheeling ways, will serve you especially well now if you can really let go and improvise freely. A new look will help you get ahead. Try out some new styles. Even if you think they don't work, you can write it off as a holiday spree, go back to what is for you normal, and the novelty—however brief—will have served you well.

**PISCES:** Right now opportunities for travel and education are looking mighty fine! Recently you've been considering some important changes that will require, at the very least, a trip to some classrooms and perhaps as much as a trip abroad. Those of you born in February will enjoy major opportunities very soon; March's children must wait just a little bit. Right now is a little boost compared to what lies ahead. But take advantage of it by formulating plans. Those plans will change, but will probably improve, so the better you plan now... ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
# BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

# coming UP

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## DEC 2 / T H U

**EnTrade**, a new education & support center for women in the trades, seeks students for its pre-apprenticeship training program, which begins in January. EnTrade is a joint project of Women Empowering Women & Tradeswomen, Inc. Students will be assessed for aptitude & interest before completing instruction in carpentry, plumbing & electrical work. Program includes physical fitness training, basic math/English instruction, counseling & support. A staff job developer will work to place graduates into apprenticeship programs & other entry-level positions. Applicants must be at least 18 years old & have 16 weeks to devote to the program. Tuition on SL basis. Info: (510) 649-6270.

**4th Annual UCSF Holiday** Crafts Fair: 9 am-4 pm in the Millberry Union Gymnasium, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Handmade crafts of over 50 UCSF employee & community artists, including home decorations, holiday ornaments, children's ware, jewelry & more. Spons by EMPACT!, the employee activities program at UCSF. Info: 476-2675.

**Marin BACW** Business Mtg: Help Bay Area Career Women plan upcoming activities. 6:30 pm. Info/directions: 453-9317.

**What's Happening with AIDS** Research? Come here about some hopeful new research on viral markers. Mark Feinberg, MD, PhD, from the Gladstone Institute of Immunology & Virology, discusses new findings on how to measure the HIV virus in the blood, and their significance for future research. Everyone welcome, bring questions. 7-9 pm at Davies Medical Center, corner of Castro & Duboce, SF. Spons by Community Consortium Community Advisory Forum. Call 475-9554 with questions.

**AIDS Interfaith** Healing Service: Held in conjunction with "Testifying for Life: A Night of Gospel to Fight AIDS." Spons by the SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS. Features speakers, singers & dancers representing the Bay Area's wide diversity of religious expression (Buddhist, Methodist, Muslim, Roman Catholic & others). Speakers & performers included noted Jewish author Jo Milgrom, African American poet/playwright Wayne Corbitt, inspirational singer Clark Sterling, Muslim leader Zakiyyah El-Amin, African dance troupe Kabibi, the Dignity Choir & others. 7 pm, First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF. Info: David Fisher 575-2734.

**At Printers Inc Bookstore:** Jerry Ellis discusses his book *Bareback*, the story of his retracing of the original Pony Express Trail, a 2100-mile journey on horseback, covered wagon, foot & canoe from St Joseph, Missouri, to SF. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Exhibitionism & Voyeurism. Wll women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

**S/M Sex Club for Women:** Tonight & 12/16 at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Doors open at 8 pm, party till 1 am. No alcohol/drugs please. Safe sex supplies provided, novelties welcome. Come have fun and help keep women's s/m spaces alive. See you there. Info: 333-1723.

**Scottish Funnyman** Billy Connolly at Great American Music Hall, tonight thru 12/4. 8 pm, $17. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

**Theatre 50 Staged Reading** series continues with "Kibitzing with Kiera & Kayla" by Michael P Ward. 8 pm, free, at City College Theatre, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Info: 239-3100.

***The Buzzcocks***: Punk rock at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm. Tix $16 adv, $18 at door. Info/res: 885-0750.

**Interested** in attending Gay Games IV in New York in June? See 11/18.

**"Sacred Boy,"** a solo work by performer/dancer Keith Hennessey at Josie's Cabaret. A poetic incision into the male social body, asking why is sex shame? Why is sex initiation? Night of honesty, courage & cheap tricks. 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun thru 12/12. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

**S/M Sex Club for Women** at Eros: Doors open 8-10 pm, party till 1 am. No alcohol/drugs, please. Safe sex supplies provided, novelties welcome. Come have fun and help keep women's s/m spaces alive! 2051 Market St, SF. Info: 333-1723.

**"Mostly Solos,"** an eve of dance & music with choreographer Anne Bluethenthal and dancers (David Cho, Benjamin Chu, Constance Clare Creighton, Laura Elaine Ellis, Colleen Madden Nancy Ng, Tho Vong), with guest artist Karolyn van Putten. Tonight thru 12/4 at 8:30 pm. Footwork, 3221 22nd St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 824-5044.

**"Mostly Solos,"** an eve of dance & music with choreographer/dancer Anne Bluethenthal & Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers. 8:30 pm tonight thru 12/4 at Dancers' Group/Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St, SF. Info/res: 824-5044. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs.

***The Unarmed Poets*** acoustic duo (Laura Chandler & Tricia Godwin) plays the Hotel Utah. 9:30 pm. Don't miss! 500 4th St, SF.

***Wade*** live at the DNA Lounge in SF, with *Tribe* and *Plum* Free before 10 pm. **At Old Wives' Tales** Bookstore: Rounds singing with noted singer/teacher Kate Munger. Come have fun, sing songs appropriate for the Winter Solstice. 7:30 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 821-4676.

## DEC 3 / F R I

**Heart of Relating** for Lesbian Couples & Singles: Powerful weekend course on creating more of what you really want in your life & relationships. Thru 12/5. Info/reg: LoveWorks 572-1999.

**Shanti Volunteer** Training: 12/3-5, 11. Learn peer counseling skills and how to assist people living with AIDS or disabling HIV with such tasks as cooking, cleaning, laundry, childcare and shopping. Info: Darnell Stinson 777-2273.

**"Broken Sun**: Mended Shadows," retreat for HIV caregivers & friends at the Jesuit Retreat House, 300 Manresa Way, Los Altos. Directed by Sue Hunt & Colleen Buzolich. 12/3-5. Info: 948-4491.

**3rd Annual Circle of Joy** Block Party: Come celebrate the closing of Hayes Valley Merchants' annual exhibition/fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund. 7-10 pm party. Info: Russell 255-9307.

**At Modern Times** Bookstore: Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing discusses her highly original ethnography, *In the Realm of the Diamond Queen: Marginality in an Out-Of-The-Way Place*, a masterful weaving of ethnography and theory forming a model for thinking & writing about gender, power & the politics of identity. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**Variety Show '93:** a fundraiser for Sonoma County's Project 10 (program for gay, lesbian & bisexual youth in the county's schools). Show features local performers including recording artists Garth Steen, Kathryn Warner & Nancy Vogl. Also performances by PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) and Positive Images youth group. 7:30 pm, $8-12. Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts.

**Shabbat Gathering** of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends. Come let go of the week and your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, shmoozing & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! SF location this month. 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian dish to share. Please wear no scents. Call (415) 665-1912 for location/directions, (510) 654-8104 for gen'l info.

**At New Leaf**Recovery Bookstore: Psychotherapist Judy Blackstone gives an introduction to Subtle Self Work, a series of mind, breath & gentle movement exercises for attuning to essential consciousness. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**Death on Heels:** Femme Dykes of the '90s are back by popular demand! (after a sell-out run in October). Two eves of coresetted performance art, push-up bra dance and thigh-high spoken word with Lisi DeHaas doing heartland kink performance, Chloe Ohme deconstructing fem, Jessica Patton on stripping and the second coming (out); Nicola Ginzler, April Miller, Rebecca Hensler, Sarah Brown & Stephanie Rosenbaum doing spoken word performance pieces, LMNOP Dance with Pixilating Performance and other hot bitches Working It. Everyone welcome—femmes come as you are, butches come on your knees. Boys welcome too, but in femme drag only. 8 pm, $5-10. 848 Divisadero Community Space, Divisadero at McAllister, SF. Info/res: 255-8216.

**"Homo Promo:** 25 Years of Hollywood Trailers," a special evening at the Castro Theatre offering a crash course in gay & lesbian movie history. Presentation & commentary by Jenni Olson takes a colorful look at the best (and the worst) of Hollywood hard-sells of gay & lesbian "subject matter". See the trailers for *Tea & Sympathy, The Children's Hour, Reflections in a Golden Eye, The Killing of Sister George, The Fox, The Boys in the Band,* Andy Warhol's *Heat, Female Trouble* and more. 8 pm. 429 Castro St, SF. Info: 621-6120.

**Ilya Kutik**, poet/scholar and representative of the new freedom in post-Perestroika Russian writing, reads & discusses his work, and the contemporary Moscow literary scene, at Small Press Distribution, 1814 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Evening moderated by poet Kit Robinson, who has translated Kutik's work. 8 pm. Info: (510) 549-3336.

**Theatre 50 Staged Reading** series continues with "Almond Eyes" by Jay Chee & JoAnn Yuen. 8 pm, free at City College Theatre, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Info: 239-3100.

**Art Songs** from Hispanic Traditions: Recital with Mark Hernandez, tenor and Kristin Pankonin, piano, at SF Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, SF. 8 pm, donation suggested, no one turned away for lack of funds.

**"Driven to Attraction** (or, Waiting for My Change)," a "spirit-sual" multimedia dance performance with Ava Miller, founder/director of Spirit Theatre Dance Studio. Come share the goddess Hathor/Sekhmet's world of transition and add up the spare change of everyday living. 8 pm tonight & tmw, 2 pm matinee on Sun (12/5). Limited seating. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door. 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-3232.

**Club nZinga:** Global dance party at El Rio, with DJ Mongrel. 9 pm-2 am tonight & 12/10. $4 cover. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

**"Swaddling Couture," a holiday hootenanny at Cafe du Nord, with Justin Bond, Elvis Herselvis & the Bucktooth Varmints. See Dec. 5 for info.** Photo by Erin O'Neill

## DEC 4 / S A T

**CPR Class** offered by SF Dept of Public Health: One-person adult cardio-pulmonary resuscitation class offered 8:45 am-12:30 pm at Health Center #4, 1490 Mason St, SF (above the Broadway tunnel). $25 per person. Class covers CPR rescuer skills and the Heimlich Maneuver for the adult layperson. If you pass a knowledge & skills test you will receive a certificate from the American Heart Association. Enrollment limited; first-come, first-served. Call 705-8500 to request mail-in registration form or call 705-8543 for more info.

**Joyfire:** Sound/movement workshop for women exploring the healing power of creativity. Use breathwork, toning, martial arts & games. Taught by Debbie Fier & Vicki Dell Joio. Info/reg: (510) 535-2180 or (510) 654-3762.

**Writing About Politics** & Social Change: A workshop with author/syndicated columnist Norman Solomon. Topics include: defining your goals as a political writer, getting your work into print, sharpening your writing & editing skills, freelancing, dealing with agents, book publishers & newspaper editors, and the economics of progressive political writing. 10 am-5 pm, $45. Unitarian Fellowship Bldg, 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley. Workshop repeats in SF on 12/11 at New College, 777 Valencia St, btwn 18th & 19th. Partial scholarships available, for more info or to pre-register, call 864-4939.

**Inside/Out**: Gay cable talk show premieres at noon on Viacom cable channel 47, SF.

***Street Zen***: *The Life & Work of Issan Dorsey*—Tensho David Schneider discusses his new biography, the story of Issan Tommy Dorsey. Dorsey, discharged from the Navy for homosexuality during the Korean War, went from being a nightclub waiter and drag revue performer to a street alcoholic and addict, female impersonator and prostitute to—after receiving instruction in Zen meditation from Shunryu Suzuki Roshi—a Zen master, abbot of Hartford Street Zen Center and founder of Maitri Hospice, before dying of AIDS in 1990. 1 pm at Kinokuniya Bookstore in Japan Center, Post & Webster Sts, SF. Info: 567-7625.

**"Reclaiming Our Cities,"** a discussion-based program sponsored by three Bay Area progressive publications—*CrossRoads*, *Equal Means* and *Groundwork*. Four concurrent circles discuss the theme through an examination of jobs & the economy, the culture of violence, health care and public education. Opening comments by Carl Anthony, chairman of the East Bay Conversion & Reinvestment Commission. Other participants include: Oakland City Councilwoman Natalie Bayton, Oakland School Board Member Toni Cook, Sam Cacas of the Break the Silence Coalition Against Anti-Asian Violence and Luz Alvarez-Martinez of the National Latina Health Organization. Registration begins at 12:30 pm, program 1-6 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. $6-20 SL fee. WA. Info: (510) 843-7495.

**At A Different Light** Bookstore: Diane DiMassa and Tracy Sheehan present selections from their *Hothead Paisan* lesbian humor cartoon series. 3 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

**Philharmonia Baroque** Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah* tonight at 7:30 pm and tmw night at 7 pm at First Congregational Church in Berkeley; 12/8 at 7:30 pm at Angelico Hall, Dominican College, in San Rafael; 12/9 at 7:30 pm at Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek; 12/10 at 7:30 pm at Herbst Theatre in SF, and 12/11 at 7:30 pm at First Methodist Church in Palo Alto. Conducted by Nicholas McGegan, with guest artists Linda Perillo, soprano; Elizabeth Anker, contralto; Steven Stolen, tenor; and Leroy Kromm, baritone; plus the Baroque Choral Guild, directed by Robert Geary. Tix $25-33. For Walnut Creek reservations call (510) 943-7469; for all other performances call 392-4400.

**Women Living with AIDS/HIV:** Evening to benefit WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases), a peer-support organization by, for and about HIV-positive women. 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St nr Valencia, SF. Event features a panel of women living with HIV/AIDS, Women Walking Tall (stiltwalkers), music by Debbie Fier, an erotic safer-sex demo by Alane Freund and an exhibit of HIV-positive women's arts. $5-15 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Snacks, community tables, safer-sex videos, childcare (with 48-hr notice). Info: WORLD (510) 658-6930.

**At Modern Times** Bookstore: Tenderloin Women Writers Workshop returns to celebrate their second publication, *Living Room*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**Diablo Dancers Reindeer Round-Up:** Lesbians and gay men are invited to Concord on enjoy a holiday square dance featuring popular Bay Area caller Eric Henerlau. 7:30-10:30 pm, $6. Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church, 3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Info: Bill (510) 724-7365.

**"Driven to Attraction** or Waiting for My Change," dance/performance by Ava Miller at Spirit Theatre Dance Studio, see 12/3.

**"This is Dedicated** to the One I Love," fall dance concert spons by City College of SF's Dept of Physical Education & Dance. New works by CCSF dance faculty Djola Bernard Branner, Luana Silverberg-Willis and Jeanne-Marie Hughes. A look at the varied manifestations of love, explored thru dance (jazz, modern, African-Haitian, classical ballet). Proceeds benefit the Parachute Fund, a Dancer's Group/Footwork program providing financial support to dance artists with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. 8 pm, $6 gen'l, $4 stdnts & srs. Program repeats 12/5 at 2 pm. Info/res: 239-3419. City College Theater, 50 Phelan St, SF.

**Death on Heels:** Femme Dykes of the '90s at 848 Divisadero Community Space—last performance! See 12/3.

**SF Bach Choir** Candlelight Concert of Christmas Music: Tonight & tmw at 8 pm at St Dominic's Church, Steiner & Bush Sts, SF. Tix $15 gen'l, $10 srs/stdnts in advance; $18 gen'l, $13 srs/stdnts at door. Info/mail order 922-1645, charge-by-phone 775-2021.

**At Red Dora's** Bearded Lady Cafe: Cartoon legend Hothead Paisan live & raging, along with cartoonist Diane DiMassa's slippery slide show, philosopher-queen Martha Baer, neutered butch Kris Kovick, pocket pal Philip Horvitz, Adrienne the Avenger, journalist Erna Smith, screamin' David Hawkins.

Mabel Maney & the Hardy Boys, plus kiss 'n tell tomboy Nancy Boutillier. 8 pm, $5. 485 14th St, SF.

**Robin Flower & Libby McLaren** at Freight & Salvage: Night of hot fiddle, piano, mandolin, guitar & accordian playing. 8:3p pm, $9.50. 1111 Addison, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 548-1761.

**"Mostly Solos,"** with Anne Bluethenthal & dancers at Footwork, see 12/2.

**Other Cinema Series** at ATA: "Hallucination Generation,"—See Kenneth Anger's *Pleasure Dome*. Also *Experiment at Petaluma, Trip to Where? Possible Fog of Heaven* and *Hemp for Victory!* Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. 8:30 pm, $5. Info: 648-0654.

**Lesbian Comedy Night** at the Tea Spot Cafe with Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger and emcee Lisa Geduldig. 9 pm, $8. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info/res: 431-7363.

**Tatiana & Co** First Saturday at Kimo's: Benefit for Project Open Hand Food Bank. 10 pm, Polk & Pine, SF. Features Tatiana and Nickole Dushey, Dana Taylor, Eva Davis, Amber Glass, Lola Lust, plus the new Miss Gay SF, Jealousy.

**Alternative Music Night** at El Rio with *Ya Ya Little Man, Red Meat* and *Corn Company*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

## DEC 5 / S U N

**BACW Sonoma Holiday Party**—last day to make your reservations! See 12/10.

**Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore** Hike with SF Hiking Club: Ridge, Lake Ranch & Coast Trails Loop, south end of Inverness Ridge. Moderately strenuous, 1200 ft elevation gain. Distance 11 miles round-trip. Auto travel cost: $11 per car (includes bridge toll, to be divided among passengers). Bring water & lunch, dress in layers. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Jim 285-3760 evenings.

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Holiday Party! Noon-5 pm. Meet friends, have fun. Punch, sweet treats, door prizes, discounts. Admission free. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

**Xmas in Mexico!** A benefit for the AIDS/HIV Life Center. Celebrate Christmas Mexican style with an afternoon of fine food, drink, music and dance at Aqui Restuarant. $20 includes drinks. Noon-6 pm. 429 Gough St at Ivy, SF. Info: AIDS/HIV Life Center 928-1498.

**"This is Dedicated** to the One I Love," dance concert at City College, see 12/4 listing for details. Final performance!

**"Driven to Attraction** (or Waiting for My Change)" dance performance by Ava Miller at Spirit Theatre—see 12/3 listing for details. Final performance!

**Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc** spons a benefit for their documentary film-in-progress, *Absolution*. 4-7 pm at 3220 Gallery, 3220 Sacramento at Presidio & Lyon, SF. Festive holiday cocktail party includes special entertainment provided by the Sisters & stars of the holiday Christmas revue, "Christmas with the Crawford Family," with Ann Drogynous as Joan Crawford. Plus clips of the documentary chronicling the Sisters. Tix $25.

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Authors Anne Herbert & Margaret Pavel and artist Mayumi Oda present their holiday gift book, *Random Kindness & Senseless Acts of Beauty*. 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

**ACLU Bill of Rights Day:** American Civil Liberties Union annual celebration features Ira Glasser, ACLU Executive Director, as the keynote speaker. The Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award, which honors leaders in the fight for constitutional rights, will be presented to psychologist Dr Kenneth B Clark, whose work was instrumental in providing the evidence necessary to overturn the "separate but equal" doctrine in the education system; Melba Beals, one of the Little Rock Nine who integrated the Little Rock, Arkansas, high school in 1957, and the plaintiffs from the 1969 Supreme Court case *Tinker v Des Moines Community School District*, which established students' constitutional right to freedom of expression. Reception at 4 pm (no-host bar), program begins at 5 pm. Grand Ballroom, Hyatt Regency, 5 Embarcadero Center, SF. Tix $20 gen'l, $8 low-income, stdnts (under 18 free) & srs. Info/res: ACLU-NC 621-2493. Seating limited, adv tix purchase suggested. WA. ASL interpretation provided with one week's adv notice. Proceeds benefit the legal program of the ACLU Foundation of Northern California.

**Castro Holiday Tree-Lighting** ceremony sponsored by SMMILE (South of Market Merchants' & Individual's Lifestyle Events). Annual holiday event held 5-7 pm on Castro St at 18th, SF. Live entertainment! Streets will be closed to traffic. Volunteers needed—call 648-FAIR for info.

**Philharmonia Baroque** Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah*, see 12/4.

**SF Bach Choir** Candlelight Christmas Concert at St Dominic's, see 12/4 listing. Final performance!

**Veronica Klaus** Heart & Soul Review: Popular rhythm & blues show moves from the Cafe du Nord to the Elbo Room! Sunday eves at 9 pm, tonight & 12/12.

**At Great American Music Hall:** An all-ages show with the *Melvins*. 9 pm, $9. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: 885-0750.

**"Saddling Courure,"** a Holiday Hootenany with post-gender performance artist Justin Bond & Drag King Elvis Herselvis (recently seen on the *Montel Williams Show* as "Cross-Dressers Who Marry") bring their special blend of holiday high jinks for the entire family to Cafe Du Nord; along with SF's favorite dyke-a-billy band, *The Buck-Toothed Varmints* and Ken Mellman (sexiest piano player ever!). Monday nights in December (12/5, 12, 19 & 26) at 9:30 pm. Tix $2! 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

**Party Talk:** gay cable show on Viacom channel 47, SF. 11 pm.

## DEC 6 / M O N

**LoveWorks** for Single Lesbians: Fun, interactive evening exploring a new way to be about being single, dating, relationships. 7-9:30 pm with Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, at Ft Mason Center, SF. Room A-2. Info: 572-1999.

**Free Your Body:** Movement Awareness Wkshop with Dr Ellen Stubenhaus, Jennifer Reich & Stella Lorvan at Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF. 7 pm, $5. Topics include movement, posture, stamina and energy. Info: 292-1244.

**Staged Reading** of Rich Baker's new play, "Mesozoic," at the Alcazar Theater, 650 Geary St, btwn Jones & Leavenworth, SF. Part of the Alcazar Playreading Series. 7 pm, $2. Info: 441-6655.

**Gay Spirituality** Discussion Group meets (promptly) 7:30-9:30 pm at The Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Tonight's topic: Aging—Body Image & Self Image. Focus on shared personal experiences by men of all spiritual/religious traditions. Info: 552-2909.

**A Christmas Memory:** SF's Theatre Rhinoceros presents their annual holiday production of Robert Coffman reading Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory". 8 pm, $8. Includes post-performance reception. Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

**Bay Area Theatresports** (BATS) celebrate the holidays with a feature-length, wholly improvised musical on the set of the Weber Family Christmas. This is BATS' only show this December, so don't miss! 8 pm, $7. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

**Night of straight-up rock** at Great American Music Hall with *The Bodeans* and *Lowen & Navarro*. 8 pm, $15. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info: 885-0750.

**15th Annual Sing-It-Yourself** Messiah at Davies Symphony Hall: The audience is the chorus in this annual holiday benefit bash for the SF Conservatory of Music's scholarship fund. Michael Barrett conducts the Conservatory Orchestra, outstanding student soloists, and you! Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $15-40. Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave at Grove St, SF. Info/res: Symphony Box Office (l415) 431-5400 or BASS (510) 762-2777.

## DEC 7 / T U E

**BACW Sonoma Gen'l Mtg:** Help Bay Area Career Women plan New Year treats—call Lorell (707) 935-3973, for info/directions.

**"Estate Planning** for Everyone," a talk by Barbara Tetzlaff at Amron Metaphysical Center. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

**Stitch & Bitch** Groups at Boadecia's Books: Lesbian-only and gay men (almost)-only groups. Interested? Call Vina (510) 559-9184 for info.

**Project Inform Update** Town Mtg: Get info on new treatment developments & current research. For HIV positive people and general audience. Held at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Call 558-9051 for time & other info.

**All-Women** Contact Improv Dance Jam: Every Tues night at Shotwell Studios, 3252A 19th St at Shotwell (btwn South Van Ness & Folsom), SF. Pre-jam class for all levels, 7-8 pm; jam follows 8-10 pm. Bring percussion instruments if you have them! Info: (510) 601-9461 or (415) 824-7179.

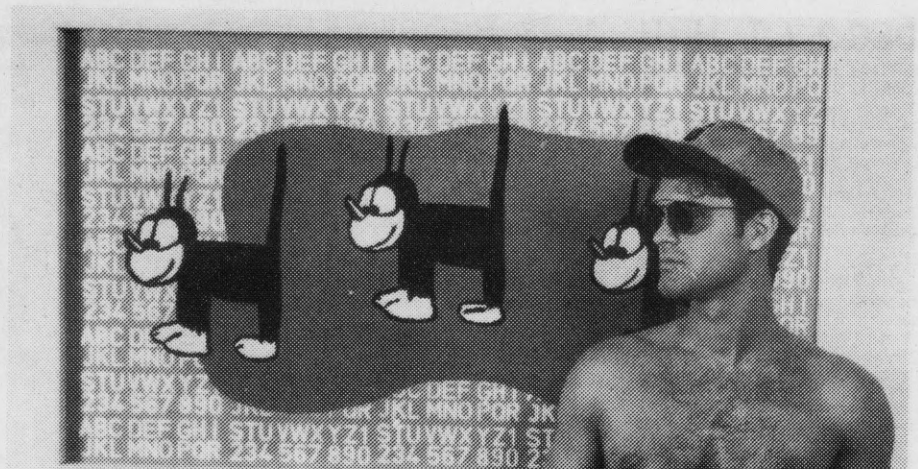
**At Modern Times** Bookstore: Michelle Cliff reads from her latest novel, *Free Enterprise*, the story of the legendary Mary Ellen Pleasant ("friend of John Brown") and her comrade, Annie, a young Jamaican fighting for the abolitionists. Come hear what happens when two Black women meet in 1858 in a restaurant and begin to plot a revolution. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

**At A Clean Well-Lighted** Place for Books: Fantasy author Peter Beagle (*The Last Unicorn, A Fine & Private Place*) reads from his new book, *The Innkeeper's Song* 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

**Sing-It-Yourself Messiah** at Davies Symphony Hall. Benefit for SF Conservatory. Final performance! See 12/6.

**At Old Wives' Tales** Bookstore: Evening of women poets, featuring Denise Harvey (*Whistling Women*), Diane Di Prima (*Pieces of a Song*) and Janice Mirikitani (*Shedding Silence*). 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

**Stand-up Comedy Benefit** at Josie's Cabaret, spons by Women's Action Coalition (WAC). Proceeds benefit Sharon Bottoms & April Wade who recently lost custody of their two year old son because they are lesbians living together. 8 pm, $10 and up. 3543 18th St at Market, SF. Info: WAC Hotline (510) 869-2584.



**"Pussy-S"—provocative art by Julian Martin at Baghdad Cafe—Galleries has info.** Photo by Steve Savage.

## DEC 8 / W E D

**Birds of a Feather** Badminton Club meets to prepare for Gay Games '94. Discuss coaching, practice and have fun! Info/location: Peggy 924-8870.

**At A Clean Well-Lighted** Place for Books: Bay Area writer Blair Hoffman signs copies of his mystery novel, *Murder for the Prosecution*. 12:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

**At Alexander Book Co**: Reading/book-party celebrating publication of Anna Calcagno's award-winning collection of short stories, *Praying for Yourself*. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

**NGLTF** (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets tonight at 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Author Virginia Beane Rutter reads from her book *Woman Changing Woman: Feminine Psychology Re-Conceived Through Myth & Experience*, a look at the psychotherapeutic relationship between two women. Book offers a vision of psychotherapy as a sacred space for women's rites of passage. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

**Men's Friendship Group** spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

**Free Reading** with poets Kim Addonizio & Bruce Isaacson and novelist Marcia Clay at Park Branch, SF Public Library, 1833 Page St nr Cole, SF. Info: 666-7155.

**"Commission-free Investing,"** talk with financial counselor/writer Eric Tyson. Overview of various commission-free investments, including mutual funds, for people who want to manage their own money. 7:30 pm, $12. Info: 292-1235. Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF.

**At New Leaf** Recovery Bookstore: *A Whistling Woman is Up to No Good—Finding Your Wild Woman* author Laurel King discusses her new book celebrating the wild woman within us all. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** perform Handel's *Messiah*, see 12/4.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Fantasies. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

**Project Inform** Update Town Meeting: 7:30 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF. Tonight's mtg features reports on the recent Immune Restoration Think Tank 3 (IRTT-3) meeting in Baltimore. Also info on new treatment developments and current research. Tailored for both HIV-positive and general audience. Info: 558-9051.

**"The Significance of Jesus** for Contemporary Jews" is the topic of tonight's panel discussion at Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF. Program focuses on modern-day responses to the historical Jesus and the notion of Christ. Panelists include community rabbis & scholars. Facilitated by Jonathan Seidel of JCC's Institute for Jewish Living & Learning. 7:30 pm, $7. Info: 346-6040 ext 246.

**Jazz Vocalist** Pamela Rose plus *The Nate Ginsberg Big Band* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $8. Info/res: 885-0750.

**Adria Santana**, prize-winning actress from Cuba, performs the monologue "La Penas Saben Nadar (Sink or Swim)," about the struggles of a contemporary Cuban actress. In Spanish, with English synopsis. 8 pm, $8. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2568.

## DEC 9 / T H U

**At Alexander Book Co:** Author Bharati Mukherjee signs copies of her new novel, *The Holder of the World*. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Ann Calcagno reads from her powerful short story collection, *Pray for Yourself*. 7 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

**Joe Diffie's** "Honky Tonk Attitude Tour" at the Circle Star Center in San Carlos. 7:30 pm, $22.75. Info/res: 366-7100.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Socializing, Lesbian Style. All women welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

**The Dick Show:** A performance eve of dance, music & spoken word looking at the penis in its many forms. Acts by Jess Curtis, Keith Hennessy, Mark Growden, Trebor, Nao Bustamante and others. 848 Divisadero St, SF. 8 pm, $8-15 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit the opening of "The Dick Show" visual art exhibit (see Galleries for details). Info: Jack Davis 863-2609.

**Theatre 50 Staged Reading** series continues with "Temporarily Yours" by Tom Kello. 8 pm, free at City College Theatre, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Info: 239-3100.

**At Old Wives' Tales** Bookstore: Author/professor Pauline Bart (*Stopping Rape: Successful Survival Strategies*) discusses her book, *When Good Laws Happen to Bad People*, and speaks about rape law reform. 8 pm, $3-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

**Makostyle:** Gay cable show on Viacom, channel 47, SF. 10:30 pm.

## DEC 10 / F R I

**Free Home-Care Skills** Training: Practical skills training for partners, friends & family who are providing care at home for persons with AIDS. Held over five weeknight eves (12/10, 13 & 15-17) at Davies Medical Center, SF. For non-professional caregivers. Spons by Home Care Companions. Adv reg required. Info/res: Celi Adams 824-3269. Class size limited.

**Chanuka Party** with Jewish Lesbians & Bi Women of the Southbay. 7 pm. Come light candles, eat latkes, sing songs, tell stories. Bring dish to share. Info/directions: Maxine (408) 984-3511.

**"Poets & Citizens** Examine the Media," is the theme of tonight's event spons by PEN Oakland, the nonprofit organization of professional writers. Features readings & performances by artists and writers speaking out against stereotypic depictions of minorities in the news. Artists include Ishmael Reed, Francisco Alarcon, Al Young and Floyd Salas. Guest speakers include attorney Jeffrey Adachi, Jessea Greenman of GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) & community activist Ann Park of the Korean Community Cultural Center of the East Bay. 7-9 pm at Berkeley Store Gallery, 2230 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

**African-American Dancing**, Drumming & Stories: Holiday party to benefit DrawBridge, an arts program for homeless children. Plus fashion show by OBIKO and refreshments. 7 pm, $15 donation. Ft Mason Center, Bldg A, SF.

**At Sisterspirit** Women's Bookstore: Author Robbie Sommers reads from her hot new book of erotica, *Behind Closed Doors* 7:30 pm, free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

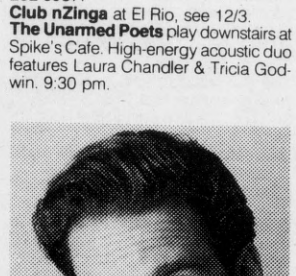
**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** perform Handel's *Messiah*, see 12/4.

**BACW Sonoma Holiday Party!** Come have fun with Bay Area Career Women at Chez Peyo. $28. Info/res: Linda (707) 939-9515 or Randy (707) 823-7408, before 12/5.

**Lazaro Ros** and members of *Grupo Mezcla* and *Canto General* are featured singers at the 12th Annual Encuentro del Canto Popular. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm at Center for the Arts, 750 Howard St (Yerba Buena Gardens), SF. Tix $15 adv, $18 at door. $12 srs & kids 6-18, kids ages 5 & under are free. Info: 252-5957.

**Club nZinga** at El Rio, see 12/3.

**The Unarmed Poets** play downstairs at Spike's Cafe. High-energy acoustic duo features Laura Chandler & Tricia Godwin. 9:30 pm.



**Scott Capurro is "Risk-gay" at Josie's, Dec. 14-19.**

## DEC 11 / S A T

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Author Cheri Huber (*There is Nothing Wrong With You*) is the guide for an all-day workshop on "Compassionate Awareness". 10 am-5 pm. Info/reg: (707) 575-8879.

**Christopher Radko**, American ornament designer, makes a special appearance at Gump's to show one of his new ornaments for 1993, the "Shy Rabbit's Heart." Portion of proceeds from the sale of this ornament will benefit AIDS organizations. 11 am-4 pm. 250 Post St, SF. Info: 982-1616.

**Chanukah Celebration** with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav: Fun-filled party features menorah lighting at 7:30 pm; latkes, potato pancakes & other Chanukah delicacies; raffle & silent auction; Dennis Crow at the piano. Held at St Paulus Lutheran Church, 950 Gough at Eddy St, SF. $9 gen'l, kids free. Info: 861-6932.

**Meeting Men Party:** Partnered exercises to connect deeply with your own spirit, and that in other men. Experience nurturing, intimacy, heart connections. No sex, alcohol or smoking. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 239-7839.

**Country Western Dancing** for Women: 7 pm lesson, 8 pm open dance, with DJ music. Masonic Hall, 897 Colusa at Solano Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 233-0734.

**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** perform Handel's *Messiah*, see 12/4. Final performance!

**At New Leaf** Recovery Bookstore: An evening of 12-step humor with Mark L. 7:30 pm, $8. Adv tix purchase suggested. Info/res: 924-8970. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur.

***Menage***, the award-winning octet ensemble, presents "Holiday Issues (or I'm Dreaming of a trite Christmas," a benefit performance for the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. 8 pm, $10. MCC-SF (Metropolitan Community Church), 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 861-7067.

**"Musica Sagrada Y Profana,"** a concert of Hispanic music from the cathedrals of Spain to the streets of Puerto Rico, perfomred by the Sacred & Profane chamber chorus under the direction of Susan Swerdlow. Program highlights: "Ramncero Gitano," by Castelnuovo-Tedesco, songs based on the poetry of Federico Garcia Lorca and "O Magnum Mysterium," motet & mass by the Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria. Other works include Christmas carols from Latin America & Renaissance Spain and Ladino songs of the Sephardic Jews. Schedule: 12/11 at 8 pm at St Peter's Episcopal Church, Lawton at Broadway, Oakland (Rockridge area); tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs; 12/17 at 8 pm at Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, btwn 20th & 21st, SF; tix $8 gen'l, $3 stdnts & srs, wheelchair accessible; 12/19 at 4 pm at North Congregational Church, 2138 Cedar at Walnut, Berkeley; tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. All concerts followed by festive reception! Info: (510) 524-3611.

**Olivia Records presents** nationally-known comic Suzanne Westenhoefer with women's music legends Cris Williamson and Tret Fure! A night of music and comedy at Zellerbach Auditorium, Berkeley. 8 pm.

**Claudia Gomez** Farewell Concert: Gomez & friends (Edgardo Cambon, John Santos, Marcos Silva, David Belove) plus special guests from Flamenco Vivo (David Gutierrez & Sarita Ayala) in a concert blending Brazilian, Latin, folk & jazz with the flavors of flamenco. 8:15 pm, $9 adv, $15 at door. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St at 23rd, SF.

**Other Cinema Series** at ATA: Work by Keith Evans, Christian Farrell & Jeffrey Warrin of the SF Super 8 film group, Silt. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 648-0654.

**Canadian punk rock with** *No Means No* and *Victim's Family* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm, $8. Info/res: 885-0750.

**Alternative Music Night** at El Rio with *Pale Horse* and others. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

## DEC 12 / S U N

**Marin Headlands Hike** (Wolf Ridge & Gerbode Valley Loop) with SF Hiking Club: Moderately strenuous. Hiking distance 8 miles, 1050 ft elevation gain. Driving mileage: 24 miles roundtrip, cost $5.40 per car, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch & water, be prepared in case of unsettled weather or drizzle. Heavy rain cancels. Meet 10 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Felix Smith 255-1420 BEFORE 11 pm.

**Tea Party & Pottery Show** at Boadecia's Books. Features Diana Amaral's porcelain. Noon-6 pm. 398 Colusa Ave, Kensington. Info: (510) 559-9184.

**Holiday Open House** at Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Door prizes, lavender light specials, refreshments & music. Bookstore open noon-6 pm, open

house 1-5 pm. Free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
**Dance-Along Nutcracker** event spons by Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD) of Northern California. Bring along your own costume, or rent one at the "Tutus 'R Us" boutique! Fun starts at 4 pm at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Refreshments served, donations accepted at door. Proceeds benefit GLAD.
**Dance for Dyke Survival:** Benefit dance for Lavender Lesbian Emergency Action Fund (L-LEAF), which provides money for dykes from poor and working class backgrounds with emergency survival needs such as rent, healthcare or food. 5-9 pm, $5-15 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. DJ dancing, drinks, light snacks. Bring non-perishables for L-LEAF's food bank. Lesbian only. Smoke & alcohol-free. No perfumes or scents. Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo, Berkeley. Info: (510) 652-7729.
**"ExtravaGAPA 2:** Cultural Images," program presented by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Features GAPA Men's Chorus, GAPA Dance Company, Chinese Opera, Hula Kahiko, dramatic readings, piano & violin concert plus the premiere of Miss Drag-on! 7 pm at Center for the Arts Theater, Yerba Buena Gardens, 700 Howard St at Third, SF. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door. Info/res: 282-GAPA.
**Classic SF rocker** Bill Champlin and his band at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 8 pm, $12. Info/res: 885-0750.
**Veronica Klaus Review** at the Elbo Room: See 12/5.
**Swaddling Courure:** A Holiday Hootenany with Justin Bond, Elvis Herselvis and others at Cafe DuNord, see 12/5.

## DEC 13 / MON

**Clinical Care** of the AIDS Patient: Symposium hosted by UCSF. 3-day symposium (thru 12/15) for practicing physicians. Conference focuses on practical issues in managing the care of patients in all stages of HIV infection. Info/reg: 476-5808.
**LoveWorks** for Lesbian Relationships: Experiential session shows you how you unconsciously reinforce negative patterns and what you can do to increase intimacy, love, passion and power in your relationships. An eve for singles & couples with Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. 7-9:30 pm at Ft Mason Center, SF. Room A-2. Info: 572-1999.
**Bi-Friendly SF** meets 7 pm for food, drink & converswation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. Friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome. Info: Pierre 648-6332.

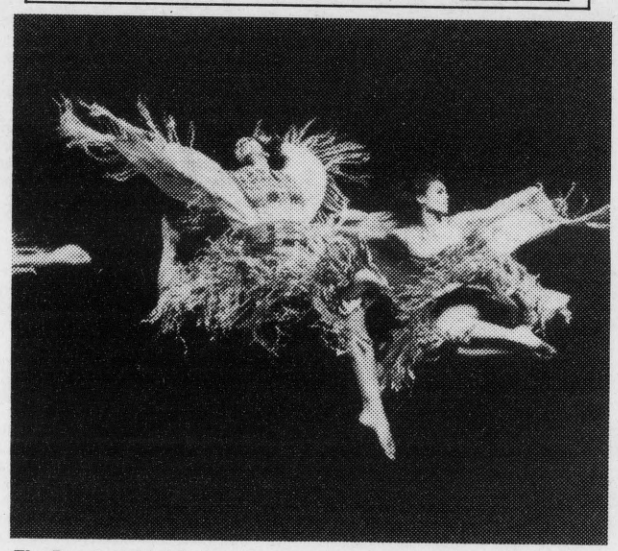
## DEC 14 / TUE

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Feminist author Susan Griffin reads from the newly-released paperback version of her book *A Chorus of Stones* 6:30 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
**All-Women** Contact Improv Dance Jam: See 12/14 listing for details.
**"Metaphysics Goes to the Movies** & Sees *Unforgiven*," Andrew Bozeman discusses this movie from a metaphysical point of view at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.
**"Rekindle the Light**: Making a Place for Lesbians & Gays in the Jewish Community," personal presentations by Jewish lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and parents of gays. 7:30 pm at the Jewish Community Center, 14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos. Free. Spons by the Jewish Family Service's Kavod Program. Info: Karen (408) 399-2202.
**Bi-Friendly Eastbay** meets 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
**Pagan Ritual & Magic** for Women: First of two classes on herbs for healing & magic, part of a 12-week drop-in series on Goddess worship. Study the use of herbs for magic & healing as passed down from ancient healers and midwives. Beginners welcome! $20-25 SL fee per class, $35-50 for two classes together. Partial work exchange available. No one turned away for lack of funds. Tues, 7:30-9:30 pm. Near Rockridge BART Station, Oakland. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor and certified hypnotherapist; (510) 652-6355.
**An Eve with John Magnuson** at The Marsh: One-night-only appearance by the filmmaker who made *The Lenny Bruce Performance Film* (documentary produced just days before Bruce died, and used by the Supreme Court in a famous decision on obscenity); the animated short *Thank You Masked Man* and the original Sesame Street animation. A shy, quiet man, Magnuson rarely discusses his seminal role in performance art and television, but Chris Pray (master improviser, member of Theater of the Deranged and The Committee), after years of coaxing untold stories of Lenny Bruce and other performance legends out of Magnuson, has gotten him to agree to be interviewed onstage. 8:30 pm, $6-10 at door. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Info: 641-0235.

## DEC 15 / WED

**4th Annual Festival of the Harps**: A multicultural, multi-stylistic harp extravaganza featuring classical pedal harp, Chinese table harp, Medieval Italian and Celtic harp, African and electro harp, plus Paraguayan electro/acoustic harp. Both solo and group artists featured. 7:30 pm, $16-30. Discounts for seniors & students. Center for the Arts Theater, Yerba Buena Gardens, 701 Mission St at 3rd, SF. Info/res: 978-ARTS.
**At New Leaf** Recovery Bookstore: Susan Gordon Lydon, author of the acclaimed feminist essay, *The Politics of Orgasm*, founding member of *Rolling*

# PARENTS & KIDS BOX



**The Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie, Dec. 17-19.** Photo by David Maung

**Holiday Party/Potluck:** for Lesbian/Gay parents and their children. 12/2, 2 pm in Novato. Bring an inexpensive gift ($5 & under) to exchange and a dish to share. Newcomers' welcome! Spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns' Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. Info: Spectrum 457-1115.
**The Velveteen Rabbit**: Annual production by ODC/San Francisco. Thru 12/5 at Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena Gardens, SF, and 12/27-29 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Dance/theater production choreographed by KT Nelson, based on the traditional children's tale by Margery Williams about a stuffed velveteen rabbit that magically comes to life thru the love of a little boy. Tix $8.50-$34 for SF performances, $8.50-$26.50 for Walnut Creek performances. Info/res: (415) 978-ARTS (SF) or (510) 943-SHOW (Walnut Creek).
**Annual "Choosing Children"** Seminar spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, thru 12/20. Panel discussions every Mon evening on specific topics related to becoming a parent and on the variety of choices possible in the creation of lesbian, gay & bisexual families. Fee: $12/evening or $79 for all 7 sessions, work exchange available, call 565-7674.
**The Rainbow Clinic** at UCSF: Pediatric clinic for kids up to age 18 with lesbian & gay parents. Sensitive, supportive environment with healthcare by lesbian & gay providers. Support group offered for children of lesbians & gays, ages 10-18 (group meets biweekly). Info: 476-1777.
**Lyon-Martin Women's Health** Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources. For details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.
**The Alternative Family Project** offers low-fee family counseling services for children, youth & families with lesbian, gay and/or bisexual members. Individual & family therapy and group for young adults raised in gay-and/or lesbian-headed families is available. Info: Alternative Family Project 550-2621.
**Randall Museum Programs:** Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs. Sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in December:** 12/4, all ages, $3/person: **Leaf Print Cards** with Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. Print colorful cards from leaves & grasses for your friends & family. 12/11, all ages, $4/person: **Wooden Ornaments** with Chris Boettcher. Create one-of-a-kind ornaments by hot-gluing together odd pieces of wood from the musuem's scrap chest. 12/18: **Winter Solstice Celebration**. Roll a beeswax candle, make candlesticks, listen to stories on what is so special about this time of year, astronomically and personally. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Special Holiday Classes:** Includes ongoing classes, plus one-time workshops celebrating Chanukah, Winter Solstice & Christmas. Two 4-wk ongoing classes include "The Artist's Workshop," a gift-making class for ages 6-12, and "Potter's Wheel Minicourse," for ages 9-17. Both cost $10. Saturday family workshops include "Hanukkah Menorahs" and "Bows & Boughs" wreathmaking. Workshops meeting during kids' winter break from school include "Colorful Kaleidoscopes," "Etched Aluminum Frames," "Calendar Workshop," "Dollmaking," and many others, call for info. **Interactive Exhibit:** "Endangered in San Francisco," an exhibit highlighting the City's endangered plants & animals, open Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, thru 2/15. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.
**Bay Area Discovery Museum** offers a wide variety of classes & programs for kids & parents. Adv reg required.Thai classical dancers, fruit carving demos, flower stringing and more. Call for program details. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. Info: 332-7674.
**Children's Progams at Ft Mason** Center: **Make-A-Circus** offers participatory arts/social services, workshops, theater performances & community shows. Teens are encouraged to apply for the apprentice program. Others services include "clown therapy." Bldg C. 776-8477. **SF Children's Art Center** offers classes for children ages 2-12 in drawing, printmaking & sculpture. Small classes ensure individual attention. Pro-rated enrollment, drop-in classes & art birthday parties available. Bldg C. 771-0292. **Young Performers Theatre** features ongoing dramatic classes & productions for children ages 3 & above. Bldg C. 346-5550. **Jing Mo Athletic Association** Gung-fu for exercise & self-defense. Kids & adults. $35-25/mo. Bldg C. Call 753-1269 for further info.
**Spirit Theatre Dance Studio** Children's Cultural Arts Afterschool Program offers West African dance class for kids. Info: (510) 849-3232.
**Kids 'N' Clay** Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay. Affordable, ongoing weekly classes for kids ages 7 & up. $14.50 per class, class size kept low to assure personal attention. For schedules & other info call (510) 486-1797. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Adult classes also offered.
**For Kids at La Pena:** 3105 Shattuck Ave nr Woolsey St, Berkeley; (510) 849-2568. Sat morning programs, 10:30 am, kids $2, adults $3. **Schedule—**12/4; **Songs & Stories** with Max Ventura & friends. 12/11; **Nancy Raven Reunion!** Songs & stories from around the world. 12/18; **Travelling Storyteller Joel Ben Izzy** shares his folktales, travel stories & Jewish folklore, for all ages. **No program on Christmas Day**, 12/25.
**For Kids at Cody's Books:** 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Call (510) 845-7852 for program details.
**Lesbian Mothers Support Group** spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 10:30-noon. Info: Saralie Pennington, LCSW, 626-7000, ext 173.
**Jewish Sock Hop** at Temple Israel: Dance to the music of five decades—40s-80s. Dancing lessons included! Prizes & trophies to the best dancers. An eve of shoeless dance fun for the whole family. 12/4, 7:30 pm, $5 per person, kids 12 & under are free. Info: Joyce Nance (415) 512-9061 days, (510) 653-8494 eves. 3183 McCartney Road, Alameda.
**Free Children's Concert**/Concierto Gratis Para Ninos at Center for the Arts. 12/11, noon-2 pm. Features Vanilla of "Buster & Me," Jose Luis Orozco, Francisco Herrera, Camilo, Derique and the Cesar Chavez Elementary School Choir. Yerba Buena Gardens, 750 Howard St, SF. Info: 252-5957.
**CMC Holiday Party for Children:** 12/18, 11:30 am, free! Community Music Center's annual event features the Ina Chalis Opera Ensemble performing the short Christmas opera, *Amahl & the Night Visitors*, by Menotti, followed by snacks and a visit from Santa Claus. 544 Capp St, SF. Info: 647-6015.
**Castro Community Holiday Tree-Lighting**: With song & celebration, spons by SMMILE (South of Market Merchants' & Individuals' Lifestyle Events). 12/5, 5-7 pm. 18th & Castro, SF. 18th & 19th streets will be closed to traffic for this event. Info: SMMILE 648-FAIR.
**Oakland Ballet's "Nutcracker,"** new production of the holiday classic. 12/10-16 at Paramount Theatre in Oakland. See Main Calendar listings (12/10) for full details. Community matinee performances for schoolchildren, community groups & senior citizens scheduled for 10:30 am, Tues-Thurs, 12/14-16. Popular Sweet Dreams Parties follow all 2 pm matinee performances and the 11 am 12/24 matinee—families & children can share refreshments & surprises, plus meet characters from the ballet. Tix $8-45. For info/res call (510) 465-6400; (510) 762-2277 or (415) 776-1999.
**The Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie**: Dance Brigade's annual dance/theater extravaganza, a "nutty, rambuctious, irreverent & politically charged" production. 12/17-18 at 8 pm, 12/19 at 2 & 8 pm. Discounts for kids and seniors, see Onstage listing for details. Calvin Simmons Theater, Oakland. Info: (510) 652-0752.
**Stuart Little**, a musical version of EB White's classic children's tale about a mouse and his adventures in New York City. Amusing play appeals to children of all ages, and their parents as well. 12/12 & 18; 1/8 & 2/19; 10:30 am & 1 pm. Play also provides a fun way to celebrate a child's birthday, as the celebrant is given a special tribute at the beginning of each performance. Tix $6. Proceeds benefit the Children's Theatre Association's free performances for kids throughout the year. Trustee Auditorium, de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info/res: 387-7089.
**Really Rosie** by Maurice Sendak, with music by Carole King. Have fun with Rosie and her neighborhood friends, Kathy, Alligator & Chicken Soup, as they audition to be a part of Rosie's musical about her life. New Conservatory Theatre Center production. Play runs Fri 12/3 & 17 at 8 pm, Sat & Sun 12/4-5, 11-12, 18-19 at 11 am & 1 pm; 12/20-23 at 2 pm. Tix $10. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.
**Stoneflower**: Langridge Dance Co perform their enchanting children's ballet at Marin Civic Center's Showcase Theater on 12/3 at 11 am & 12:30 pm and on 12/4 at 1, 2:30 & 2 pm. Ballet is set to the music of Prokofiev and based on a Russian folktale. Tix $14 gen'l, $9 srs & kids under 12, in advance. Tix at door are $15 & $10. Info/res: 435-2771.
**The 1993 Lezzie Holiday Show**: Tribad Productions' rendition of lesbian family holidays, see Onstage for details. Children encouraged. Info: (707) 545-9806.
**Holday Open House:** 12/5, 1-4 pm, $5. Annual Haas-Lilienthal House holiday celebration. Features traditional music & delicious holiday fare. The house is elaborately attired in evergeen garlands, poinsettias & Victorian Christmas trees. Santa Claus visits at 2:30, bringing treats for the younger set. 2007 Franklin St, SF. Spons by the Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.
**Mission Dolores Celebrates** the Christmas season with a traditional choral concert. Choir performs John Gardner's "Cantata for Christmas." Multi-lingual program includes seasonal carols for everyone to sing. 12/11. Tix $8 gen'l, $5 kids & srs. 8 pm, donations welcome. Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th St, SF. Info/tix: 621-8203.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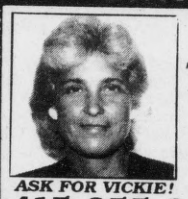
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*Stone* magazine and editor of *Ramparts* reads from her new book, *Take the Long Way Home: Memoirs of a Survivor*, the riveting tale of her 25-year drug addiction and her triumph in recovery. 7:30 pm. 545 Magnolia, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

**At the Women's Bldg**: Mona Oikawa, Dionne Falconer, Rosamund Elwin & Ann Decter, editors of *Out Rage: Lesbian Stories & Poems Celebrating Resistance*, celebrate the publication of this international anthology, along with other contributors. 7:30 pm. Refreshments served. In the Dining Hall, Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. Info: 821-4676.

## DEC 16 / T H U

**At ClaireLight** Women's Books: Sark, author of *Inspiration Sandwich* and *Creative Companion* reads from her newest books, *Sark's Journal & Playbook* and *Living Juicy*. 7 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

**"Sports Conditioning:** The Importance of Cross-Training," a lecture by Carol Emold, RN. Examination of techniques on reaching overall body conditioning. 7:30 pm, free. Info: 292-1223. Jewish Community Center of SF, 3200 California St, SF.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group meets 7:30-9:30 at MidPeninsula YWCA, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: The Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group—Who are we? What do we do well? What could we do better? All women are welcome! Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

**At Sisterspirit** Women's Bookstore: Author Melissa Kwasny reads from her new novel about three turn of the century women whose lives intertwine, *Trees Call for What They Need*. 7:30 pm. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

**"Warm Up the Winter,"** Erotic Reading at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Annual popular end-of-year event. This year's program features readings & performances by contributors to *Largesse*, volume 4 of erotica by and for full-figured women. Night of mad, passionate (sometimes kinky) lust reflecting both straight and bisexual perspectives. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

**"Death on Heels—Femme Dykes of the '90s"—two fabulous nights of performance, bra dance & spoken word. Check calendar, Dec. 3, for info.** Photo by Louisa Suta.

# on stage

**Giants Have Us in Their Books** by Jose Rivera. Tales of love, sex & death: six magical fables for adults. Magic Theatre production. Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm (no 2 pm matinee on 12/5). Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

**Jeffrey**, award-winning comedy by Paul Rudnick. Provocative comedy about a young NY actor/waiter who vows to give up sex, then meets a bartender who may be the man of his dreams. Play runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 5 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm, thru 1/2. Tix $22-30. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF, floor 2M. Info/res 433-9500 or BASS.

**Endgame/Act Without Words I**, two Samuel Beckett one-acts. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Thurs matinees at 2 pm 12/2 & 9; thru 12/19. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, downtown Berkeley.

**Red Noses** by Peter Barnes. Savage & witty comedy set in 14th century France during the time of the Black Plague. Toad Productions, Inc. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/5. Tix $10-12. Info/res: (415) 207-3371 or (510) 934-6782. SOMAR Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF.

**Beach Blanket Babylon**, SF's longest-running musical revue, highlights its customary zaniness with tap-dancing Christmas trees, take-offs on favorite carols & a colossal yuletide hat. At Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-40. Info/res: 421-6788.

**Jumping the Broom**, new romantic comedy revue about the conflicts, contradictions & creativity of lesbian & gay weddings. Theatre Rhino production combines the work of more than a dozen Bay Area playwrights, each asked to write scenes reflecting issues specific to same-sex marriages. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat at 5pm & Sun at 3 pm, thru 12/11. Tix $12-18. Theatre Rhino mainstage, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

**Always... Patsy Cline**, country-western musical conceived & directed by Ted Swindley. Rollicking revue recounts the true story of a close friendship developed between the country singer & her most ardent fan, Louise Seger, and features such Cline country classics as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Walking After Midnight," and "Sweet Dreams." Columbia Actors' Repertory production. Runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat 2 & 8 pm, Sun 2 & 7 pm, thru 12/12 at Mason Street Theater, 340 Mason St, SF. Tix $18-26. Info/res: 982-5463.

**The Moon Demon** by Michael Schreiber. Dark comedy looks at a witch trial in 17th century Germany. Play explores themes of bigotry, prejudice & mass hysteria. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/12; except on 12/5 (that show is a 2 pm matinee). Bannam Place Theater, 50 Bannam Place, near Union & Grant in North Beach, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 648-6977. Tix avail at Modern Times Bookstore in SF.

**Holiday Memories**, Russell Vandenbroucke's adaptation of two Truman Capote stories. Runs thru 12/19 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Aurora Theatre Co production. Info/res: (510) 843-4822.

**A Dance Along the Precipice** by David Barth. Historical psychodrama about a quiet revolution in American politics whose seminal event was the Whittaker Chambers/Alger Hiss perjury trial of 1948. Play focuses on how the plight of Chambers, a troubled former communist, and the ambition of his defenders helped define the dubious mission of the post-war American Right. Play dramatizes the weird human extremities that help fuel the cration of new worlds, new ideas & new times. Intersection for the Arts production. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 12/12. Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

**Roadkill on the Information Highway** by Ian Shoales. Ian Shoales & J Raoul Brody combine their unique talents in a fast-paced musical salute to some of our ephemeral cultural icons that have fallen, or are about to fall, by the pop culture wayside—a salute to roadkill—past, present & future. The Marsh, in association with Bowl of Topics, production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 12/5. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Tix $8-12 SL donation Thurs & Sun; $12 gen'l Fri & Sat, $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235.

**The Well of Horniness** by Holly Hughes. Raunchy, ridiculous lesbo-drama skewers '50s female imagery—from the dimestore dames and femme fatales of film noir to the happy homemakers and bright-eyed wives of TV—thru the tale of a housewife caught in a web of secrets, sin and her own dark desires. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 12/5. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF.

**To Grandmother's House We Go** by Joanna Glass. Funny, sweet portrayal of a modern New England family coming together as they come apart at "Grandie's" house over Thanksgiving weekend. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre. Runs Thurs-Sat, thru 12/11. Tix $11 gen'l on Thurs, $9 srs & stdnts. Tix $13 Fri & Sat. 8 pm. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Info/res: 941-5228.

**Box Conspiracy**, an interactive show by George Coates Performance Works. Comic musical about today's explosive new technologies and the coming national information network. The work takes the audience, wearing 3-D glasses, on a hyper-real experience of the interactive future when the soon-to-be ubiquitous Digital Converter Box makes every home TV set a two-way transporter on the information highway. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; thru 12/31. Tix $17, 24 & 34 on Fri & Sat; $14, 21 & 31 on Sun. George Coates Performance Works, 110 McAllister St, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

**Santos & Santos** by Octavio Solis. Play tells the story of three brothers & their struggle with family, morality, identity and each brother's quest for a rapidly darkening American Dream. Thick Description production, in association with Eureka Theatre. 12/10-12, 12/15-19 at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12.50-$16.50. Info/res: 621-7797 or BASS.

**Bette's back! New Year's Eve (plus the 29th & 30th) at Civic Auditorium, SF.**

**Scum: The Valerie Solanas Story** by Kathi Georges. 1968: Valerie Solanas (*SCUM Manifesto*) shoots Andy Warhol. A true story of a seminal voice of the feminist movement. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater Co production. Play opens Thurs 12/2, runs Thurs-Sat at 9 pm thru 1/23. Tix $10-$12. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St (btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard), SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

**On the 20th Century**, musical comedy by Cy Coleman. Story of a down-on-his-luck theater producer who will do anything to get his erstwhile star away from Hollywood and back onto his stage. CTA Theatre Arts production. Runs thru 12/11 at Walnut Creek Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tix $18.50 gen'l, $16.50 srs & stdnts. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW.

**The Philadelphia Story** by Philip Barry. Festive holiday story, revolving around the impending marriage of socialite Tracey Lord to upwardly mobile George Kittredge. Things go awry. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 12/18; with Thurs performances at 8 pm on 12/2 & 9 and Sun matinees at 2 pm on 12/5 & 12. Tix $9 & $14. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

**Scapino!** Madcap, vaudeville version of Moliere's **"Scapin,"** about a rougish servant who brings two pairs of lovers together in defiance of their fathers. Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Multi Ethnic Theater production. Runs Thurs-Sat 12/9-11 and Fri-Sun 12/17-19 at 8 pm, with matinee on 12/19.

**Jenny St Joan** and **Juggling Frank**, two new one-acts by Genesis Theatre Co. "Jenny St Joan" tells about the early years of Joan of Arc; "Juggling Frank" is the story of a mythical meeting between two different aspects of St Francis of Assisi—the blind old man in the wine cellar and the robust, health "Frank" in the prime of life. Runs 12/3-4, 10-11 at 8 pm and 12/5 & 12 at 7 pm. Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St, SF. Info/res: 863-5946 or 861-5698.

**Jubilee** by Moss Hart, with music by Cole Porter. Musical follows the adventures of the Royal Family who are off in search of adventure and romance. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 12/9-12. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $14 gen'l, $13 srs. Info/res: 861-8972.

**The Phantom of the Opera**, award-winning musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Previews 12/2-11, opens 12/12. Show runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm. Opening night show at 7 pm. Tix: previews $25-62.50, regular performances $27.50-65. No performances 12/24 & 1/2. Added performances 12/20 & 27 at 8 pm. Special New Year's Eve tix price—$50-80. Tix at BASS. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF.

**Bette Midler** plays the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, 12/29-31. Proceeds benefit AIDS organizations. Don't miss! Call BASS for tix info.

**Bewitched, the Play** by John Lamas, based on the popular '60s television show. New Conservatory Theatre production. Proceeds benefit the New Conservatory HIV Touring Company. Runs Thurs-Sat, 12/2-1/1, at 8 pm. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Info/res: 861-8972.

**Bessie's Blues** by Thomas Jones II. Sizzling show based on "the Empress of the Blues" Bessie Smith—a musical travelogue mixed with jazz, hip hop & rap, about the lives of the entertainers who gave birth to the blues. Runs thru 12/19 at Oakland Ensemble Theatre, Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St, downtown Oakl. Info/res: (510) 238-7222.

**"Dance Time,"** a celebration of 500 years of courtship thru dance, presented by Dance Through Time, a group known nationwide for its period reconstructions of dances from Western cultures. Runs 12/3-4 (8 pm, with 2:30 pm matinee at 12/4) on Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $13-17 gen'l, $5 matinee tix for kids under 12, stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: City Box Office, (415) 392-4400; Julia Morgan Theater (510) 84-JULIA.

**Phantom of the Operetta: Part Deux**, Lamplighters Musical Theatre's annual original scripted fundraiser returns to Basingstoke Regency where a zany cast of characters break loose & turn their satirical eye & ear on the events of 1993, lampooning Phantom of the Opera & Jurassic Park in high Gilbert & Sullivan style. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 12/8-11. Tix: Thurs $32, Fri-Sat $38. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

**Noctomania** by No Budget Theater Co. Nine original monologues about the fear of being alone. 12/11-12, 18-19 at 8 pm at Above Brainwash, 1126 Folsom St at 7th, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 255-4866.

**Steal Away** by Ramona King. Comedy set during the Great Depression. Five upstanding church ladies raise funds to send young Black women to college. When the bank rejects their request for a loan by saying "colored children don't need education," they respond by making plans to rob the bank. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun matinee at 2 pm. Tix $12 Thurs, $14 Fri, and Sun matinees; $16 Sat eves. 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 474-8800.

**The Mathematics of Change**: Josh Kornbluth presents his one-man show, a hilarious autobiographical monologue about an ambitious student's dreams of becoming the world's greatest mathematician. Wed-Sun, 12/8-1/9. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Tix $12-18. Info/res: 441-8822. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF.

**A Tuna Christmas** by Jaston Williams & Joe Sears. Hilarious sequel to the long-running hit comedy returns to Marines Memorial Theatre, inviting you to forget the Nutcracker and spend time with some genuine nuts, in this holiday visit to the wacky world of Tuna, Texas. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm, thru 12/11; with matinees Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Also 2 holiday matinees, 12/8 & 12/10 at 2 pm. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.

**Noh Christmas Carol**, a world premiere adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale, adapted by Cianna Stewart. Play, set in northern Japan in the 1890s, is a colorful & wildly visual blending of traditional Japanese dance/theater forms including Noh, Kyogen, Butoh & puppetry to vividly tell the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his spiritual odyssey. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs thru 12/23 at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm. Tix $8-12. Info/res: 621-7978.

**A Christmas Memory** by Truman Capote. Theatre Rhino's annual production of the holiday classic, read by Robert Coffman. 12/6 at 8 pm. Tix $8, includes post-performance reception. Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

**A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens. Classic interpretation of the familiar holiday story, with a multicultural cast drawn from Mills College & the surrounding communities. Mills College production. Runs 12/4 & 11 at 7:30 pm and 12/5 & 12 at 2 pm. Lisser Hall, Mills College Theatre, Oakl. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs, $4 kids under 12. Info/res: (510) 430-3308.

**An American Christmas Carol** by Peter Burns, adapted from the story by Charles Dickens. Set during the Great Depression, play tells the tale of a greedy old miser who finds new meaning & appreciation for Christmas. Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm, thru 12/18. Dinnertainment Theater production. $15.50 per person, you choose between a ham or turkey dinner, you can bring your own wine. 101 S. Ellsworth St, nr 3rd ave, San Mateo. Info/res: 342-ACT2.

**Weber Family Christmas**: A charmingly blasphemous yuletide tale, the sixth & last SF edition of Fratelli Bolognia's zany comedy about the Webers and their familiar, yet skewed, Christmas rituals. Climate Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 8 pm, 12/3-26 (no evening performance on 12/5, 12/24 or 12/25). Previews Wed & Thurs, 12/1 & 2, at 8 pm. Tix $10-26. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF.

**A Karen Carpenter Christmas** by Tom Ross & Morey Goldstein. Karen Carpenter has been offered the opportunity to star in her very own Christmas TV special, but she has to come up with a concept, too, and she's lost her Christmas spirit. Nevertheless she perseveres. Yuletide comedy extravaganza features classics from the Carpenter canon, Christmas songs & Broadway show-stoppers. The Marsh production. Runs 12/8-12, 15-19, 21-24, 26-30 at 8:30 pm, with added 10:30 pm performances on 12/11, 18 & 24. Tix $12. Info/res: 282-6024. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF.

**Black Nativity**, gospel play by Langston Hughes. The Allen Temple Cantateers present their 12th annual production of Hughes' retelling of the Biblical story of the birth of Christ. Play features stirring gospel songs as well as traditional hymns and carols. The second act is a recreation of a 1940s revival meeting. 12/10 & 11 at 8 pm, 12/12 at 6 pm. Calvin Simmons Theatre, Henry J Kaiser Convention Center, 10th & Fallon Sts, Oakl (Lake Merritt BART Station). Tix $15 gen'l, $8 srs & youth (ages 12-21), $6 kids (ages 4-11). Tix (510) 444-8575, (510) 638-8291 or (510) 843-7282.

**Christmas with the Crawfords**, an Art Full Circle Theatre Inc production. Join Christina, Christopher and their beloved Mommie Dearest Joan as they welcome their adoring fans into their Brentwood home for a night of Christmas radio

fireside entertainment. Play features Ann Drogynous as Joan Crawford, Mark Sargent as Ethel Merman, Richard Sanchez as Hattie McDaniels, Kate Simonton as Judy Garland and Robert Stephens as Zsa Zsa. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 1/2. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 626-5455.

**Brigadoon** by Alan Jay Lerner & Frederick Loewe. Haunting musical fantasy about a Scottish town that has gone to sleep, awakening for a single day once each 100 years. Peninsula Stage production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, 12/4-19. Preview on 12/3. Rox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Tix $12 preview, $15-17 gen'l. Info/res: 329-2623.

**A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens. Northside Theatre Company production. Runs Thrus-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 p, thru 12/26. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 srs & youth under age 16. 848 East William St, San Jose. Info/res: (408) 288-7820.

**Really Rosie**, a musical comedy by Maurice Sendak with music by Carole King. The story of an effervescent little girl who wants to make a movie about her life. New Conservatory Theatre productions. Runs 12/3-23. 8 pm Fri on 12/3 & 17; 11 am & 1 pm on Sat & Sun, 12/4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19; Mon-Thurs at 2 pm on 12/20-23. Tix $10. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave nr Market, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

**The 1993 Lezzie Holiday Show**, produced by Tribad Productions. Tribad's rendition of lesbian family holidays includes Scroog-ette in "The Lesbian Xmas Carol," "The Twigh-Dike Zone" sing-a-longs with traditional and lesbian holiday titles, sharing lesbian holiday fun from other traditions and countries, and professionally-catered refreshments. Show runs 12/3-4, 10-11, 16-18 at 8pm, 12/12 at 2 pm. For tix prices, res and other info call (707) 545-9806.

**Panunuluyan: The Search for an Inn**. Filipino traditional musical play depicting Joseph and Mary's search for an inn. Teatro ng Tanan (Theatre for Everyone) production. Opens 12/9, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 12/19. Tix $8 stdnts, srs & disabled, $10 gen'l in adv, $12 gen'l at door. St Andrew's Chruch, 1571 Southgate Ave, Daly City. Info/res: 252-7566. 12/11 show is a fundraiser for Teatro ng Tanan and includes an after-show reception, tix $20.

**Holiday Magick** by Pulp Playhouse. Production features spontaneous tales of the season, plus other holiday shannigans. Thurs-Sun, 129-12. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 7 pm Sun. Tix $10 Thurs & Sun, $13 Fri & Sat. Cable Car Theater, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 824-1559.

**Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie:** The Dance Brigade present their 7th annual "nutty, rambunctious, irreverent, politically charged & delightfully perverse," multicultural production; a dance/theatre show featuring music composed by Mary Watkins, performed by the American Jazz Theater band, conducted by Nan Washburn. Prouction includes Native American & African American dancers, aerial performers and members of the Axis Dance Troupe (a dis/abled performance group), under the direction of Nina Fichter & Krissy Keefer, plus guest choreographers Terry Sendgraff & Kim Epifano. All performances sign-interpreted by Doralyn Folse. 12/17-18 at 8 pm, 1219 at 2 & 8 pm. Calvin Simmons Theater, 10 10th St, nr Fallon, Oakl. Tix $14.50 in adv, $16 at door, general; $11 for kids under 12, srs & the disabled. Tix at BASS. Family package tix: $12 adult, $8 child (available only by mail from the Dance Brigade, PO Box 2962 Oakl 94609.

**"Nutcracker"**, Oakland Ballet presents a new production of the holiday classic. Features the Oakland East Bay Symphony, conducted by Jean-Louis LeRoux. Choreography by Ronn Guidi. 12/10 at 8 pm, 12/11 at 2 & 8 pm, 12/12 at 2 & 7 pm, 12/17 at 8 pm, 12/18 at 2 & 8 pm, 12/19 at 2 & 7 pm, 12/21 & 22 at 8 pm, 12/23 at 2 pm, 12/24 at 11 am, 12/26 at 2 & 7 pm. Community matinees: 10:30 am on 12/14, 15 & 16. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway Ave, Oakl. Tix $8-45. Info/res: (510) 465-6400, (510) 762-2277 or (415) 776-1999.

# galleries

**"Portrait of a March: D.C. '93"—photos by Bob Corti at Josie's.**

**de Young Museum** Golden Gate Park, SF. "Jacob Lawrence: The Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman Series of 1938-40," features 63 works portraying the lives of these important civil rights activists; on exhibit thru 1/2. Prints by John Bock: monumental in scale, bold in color & often political in content; woodblock prints on exhibit thru 2/27. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

**SF Museum of Modern Art:** "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, William Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit thru 1/30. "The Great English Vortex," exhibit of approx 30 drawings by a selection of Vorticist artists (a short-lived but highly influential British art movement of the early 1900s). Exhibit runs thru 1/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

**Oakland Museum:** "Bay Area Sculptors II," at the Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at City Center (the museum's satellite gallery in downtown Oakl), features work by Philip Dow, Eddy Hood, Susan Marie Johnson, Seymour Locks, Zhee Singer, Charles Splady, Gale Wagner, Gerald Walburg & Suzanne Wilbroe; thru 2/12. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.

**Judah L Magnes Museum:** "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Gropper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhibit thru 1/31. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

**The Jewish Museum**: "The Road to Maus," exhibit of work by Art Spiegelman, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book on the Holocaust. Spiegelman speaks about his work and candidly shares the personal & professional factors which led to *Maus*, the story of his parents' struggles in Auschwitz, told in comic strip form, with Jews protrayed as mice and Nazis as cats. On 12/6 at 8 pm at Center for the Arts Theater, Yerba Buena Gardens, SF. Exhibit runs thru 12/30 at the Jewish Museum and includes over 100 of Spiegelman's drawings & memorabilia, including the oral history of his father. 121 Steuart St, btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Lecture tix $12.50-25, call BASS for info.

**MACE Space for Art:** Paintings by Robin Clark, on exhibit thru 12/18. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Noon-7 pm Tues-Fri, noon-5 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

**The Mexican Museum:** Annual Holdiay Mercadeo at La Tienda, the Mexican Museum store, thru 12/24. Features wide selection of Mexican & Latin American crafts—Peruvian jewelry, Guatemalan textiles, Mexican wooden toys, bilingual books and more. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 202-9700.

**Ansel Adams Center:** 250 Fourth St, SF. "Wendy Ewald: Retratos y Suenos/Portraits & Dreams: Photographs by Mayan & Mexican Children," thru 1/5. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

**Architects & Heroes Gallery:** Paintings by Moscow-based artist Vladimir Nevrov, depicting the struggle for change in Russia. Thru 1/30. Reception 12/10, 7-9 pm. 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Info: 921-8383.

**Architrave Gallery:** Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

**Alliance Francaise Gallerie:** Mon-Thurs 10 am-8 pm, Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-2:30 pm. Info: 775-7755.

**ATA Gallery:** "Biotechnology Zone," installation by Mike Mosher, wall paintings examining the impact upon the Mission of the proposed research ghetto; thru month, opening recpetion 12/12, 6-8 pm. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

**Asian Art Museum:** "Thai Ceramics: The James & Elaine Connell Collection," 170 objects of Thai ceramics from 2000 BC thru the 17th century, drawn from one of the most comprehensive public ollections in the United States. On exhibit 12/8-3/13. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD: 752-2635.

**Bomani Gallery:** 251 Post St, SF. Info: 296-8677.

**Christensen Heller Gallery:** "Photographs of Ladakh," by Sarah Stearns; "Handpainted Exotic Eggs," by Susan Tibbons; "Custom Wood Furniture," by Patrick Graney; on exhibit thru 12/31. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

**Bayfront Gallery**: Ft Mason Center, Building A, SF. Info: 441-5706.

**Belcher Studios Gallery:** Paintings & installation by Keith Hale, Evri Kwong & Kerrin O'Brien, thru 12/2. Group Christmas Exhibit by Belcher Studios. 12/9-24. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. 69 Belcher St, SF. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.

**California Crafts Museum:** "Exploring the Use of Icons in Contemporary Crafts," holiday exhibit runs thru 1/2. "Icons in Contemporary Art: The Irreducible Logic of Thing Observed," exhibit of paintings & sculptures by artists whose work relay icons as symbols in a contemporary context; thru 1/2. "Nature in Process: Patricia Johansen, Lia Do Rio, Mariyo Yagi," exhibit of installations 1/8-2/20. "Transparency," exhibit focusing on fine artists who use glass in their sculpture; 2/26-4/10. Hrs: daily, 11 am-6 pm. Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, Box 25, SF. Info: 771-1919.

**Capp Street Project:** 270 14th St at Mission, SF. Info: 626-7747.

**Circle Gallery:** "Erte Art to Wear," on exhibit thru 1/2. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

**The Clay Studio:** Holiday Sale, 12/3-22. Pottery & hand-built ceramics ranging in price from $2-$100 by artists working in the Clay Studio. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

**E'space Gallery:** 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. Info: 861-4675.

**Eye Gallery:** 1151 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 431-6911.

**Falkirk Cultural Gallery:** 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.

**Gallery on the Rim:** Recent paintings by Barbara K Lewis, on exhibit thru 12/14, opening reception 12/3, 5-7 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

**Gump's Gallery:** "Robert Motherwell: Works on Paper," thru 12/5. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun noon-5 pm. 250 Post St, SF. Info: 982-1616.

**Joanne Chappell Gallery:** "Peter Kitchell: Recent Watercolors & Collages," thru 1/7. 625 2nd St, btwn Brannan & Townsend, Ste 400, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm. Info: 777-5711.

**John Pence Gallery:** "Small Works for the Holidays," exhibit of work by various artists, thru 1/8. Reception 12/2, 6-8 pm. Canned food donations accepted for AIDS Food Bank. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

**Kiki Gallery:** Hrs: Thurs-Sat, noon-7 pm, or by appt. 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 863-KIKI.

**The Lab Gallery:** "A Caryatid," an in-


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stallation by Donna Leigh Schumacher questioning the assumptions portrayed by the abstracted form of the female body. Runs thru 12/18. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

**The Luggage Store Gallery:** Figurative mixed media sculpture & constructions, and charcoal drawings by Fred Hayes; large-scale abstact-figurative oil paintings on canvas & paper by Lisa Salamandra; on exhibit thru 12/4. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St nr 6th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 255-5971.

**Maxwell Galleries:** "Pam Glover: Recent Paintings, Landscapes of the Bay Area & Rural Countryside," 12/3-1/4, opening reception 12/3, 5:30-7:30 pm. 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

**Morphos Gallery:** "Arin Wiscomb: Recent Paintings," thru 1/5. Opening reception 12/9, 7-9 pm. 544 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-7 pm; Sat 11 am-6 pm; and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

**New Langton Arts Gallery:** Annual Artists' Store, thru 12/18. Distinctive & affordable works by Burning Books, Topher Delaney, Susan Eslick, FACE, Sha Sha Higby, Mark Pualine, Pina Zingaro, John Randolph, Bruce Tomb, and many other artists & designers. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-5416.

**Opts Art Gallery:** "Villa Gardens and Other Works," by Michael Paulson, on exhibit thru 12/5. 250 4th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-2 pm. Hrs: 546-7844.

**Robert Dana Gallery:** 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

**Pro Arts Gallery:** "Relocation Stories," multiside, multimedia project by James Luna describes the experience of a group of Native Americans who participated in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' relocation program of the 1950s & 1960s; thru 12/18. 1993 Pro-Arts Holiday Sale presents unique, functional & utilitarian art, 11/19-12/24. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sun 10 am-5 pm. 461 9th St, Oakl. Info: (510) 763-4361.

**Richmond Art Center:** "Visions of Light: Holiday Arts Festival & Annual Art Auction," fundraising event for the Richmond Art Center. Includes fine art & crafts sales by over 200 Bay Area artists, children's art activities, raffle, food & more. 12/5, 1-5 pm; silent auction preview thru 12/4. "Facing AIDS," collaborative exhibit on view in the Community Gallery. Works by Kerie Campbel, Suzin Wisland, Patty Haig, John Nielson, Jesus Rangel, Steven DePriest, Kek Tee Lim, Bob Corti, Tom Plagenman, Tom Prybil and Bill Haines; thru 1/23. Civic Center Plaza, 25th & Barrett, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

**Robert Koch Gallery:** 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

**SF Art Commission Gallery:** "Domestic Tranquility," exhibit of work by several artists exploring the pleasures, trials & terrors of life at home. Thru 12/18. Artists' talk 12/2, 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

**SF Camerawork:** "The Family Seen," group exhibit of photos examining how the family is viewed by contemporary society & how the photographic image empowers the social & personal imagination of what constitutes a family. "Who's Afraid of Red, Blue, Yellow, Green & Orange?" photos by LA-based photographer Keith Boadwee. "Lucky," photos by SF artist Kent Howie. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

**SF Craft & Folk Art Museum:** "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, thru 1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

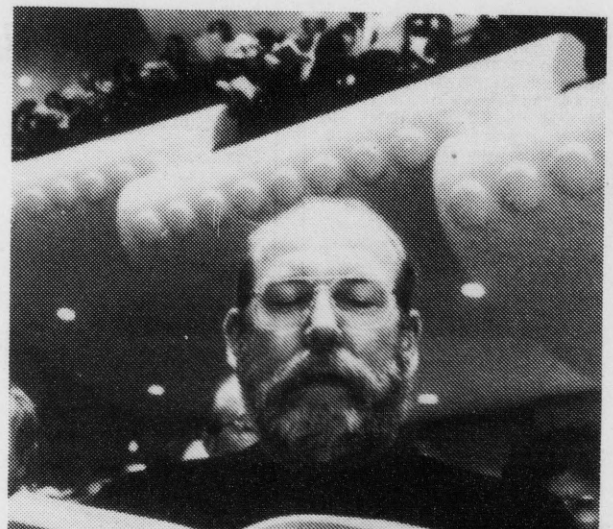
**SF Art Institute**: 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 882-9319.

**Soft Touch Gallery:** Hrs: Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. 1580 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-3279.

**Stamp Art Gallery:** "Mittendorf: Hand-carved Art Stamps" and "Pico Sanchez: Hand Carved Prints," exhibits run thru 12/31. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

**University Art Museum:** "Visions of the Dharma: Images of Japanese Buddhism," thru 1/2. "Dennis Oppenheim: Land & Body Projects, 1967-1971," thru 1/2. "Richard Tuttle: Space/Sculpture," thru 1/2. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

**Pacific Film Archive:** "Banned in the USA: America & Film Censorship," a 27-film touring series about censorship & cinema; thru 12/18. Features 15 programs using archival prints as well as informal lectures by film historians, critics & attorneys, looking at censorship within a broad, historical overview, encompassing almost a century of contestation. Each of the films shown in the series has been the subject of controversy for "objectionable" topics, "shocking" images or "unacceptable" attitudes. For detailed program info, call (510) 642-1412. UC-Berkeley, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley.



**Sing-It-Yourself Messiah at Davies Symphony Hall—this year's event is Mon. & Tues., Dec. 6 & 7.**

**Victoria Room Gallery:** Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm; Thurs 4-8 pm. 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364.

**Vision Gallery:** "Homeless: Portraits of Americans in Hard Times," photos by Howard Schatz, on exhibit thru 12/4. Photos by Jan Saudek, on exhibit thru 12/4. "Joyce Tenneson: Transformations," photos on exhibit thru 12/4. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

**"Cat on the Track,"** exhibit of works by Aladin Stadlin at Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St, SF. Thru 12/8.

**John LeFlore**: Paintings & drawings, works in watercolor, acrylics, pen, brush, ink & pastel, on exhibit thru 12/10 at Milano Joe's Restaurant, 1175 Folsom St, SF. Info: 433-6549.

**Photos by Jane Krensky** at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357. Thru 1/2.

**"Color Number One,"** an installation at Scone City Cafe, 1314 Ocean Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 6 am-3 pm, Sat 8 am-2 pm, Sun 9 am-2 pm. Thru 12/11. Info: 333-2400.

**"Ship of Dreams,"** exhibit of drawings by sculpture by Lewis Meyers, Jr & David Tomb at Turn of the Century Fine Arts, 2520 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Thru 1/15. Hrs: Tues-Fri 8 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: (510) 849-0950.

**"The Classical Players,"** exhibit of paintings of jazz artists by Jihmye Collins. Thru 1/1 at Sunrise Fine Arts Gallery, 23 Grant St, SF. 2nd floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 11 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-4 pm. Info: 398-7620.

**"Paris, Visions of the Future,"** photos by Italian photographers Maria Grazia Della Casa & Laila Pozzo. Thru 12/18. Mon-Fri 10 am-12:30, 2:30-6 pm. French Class, 500 Sutter St, SF. Ste 503. Opening reception 12/3, 4-7 pm. Info: 362-3666.

**Sharon Art Studio Sale:** Holiday sale with unique work done by Sharon Art students: ceramics, leaded & fused glass, jewelry & more. Items are priced to sell. 12/5, 11 am-5 pm. Golden Gate Park (near the Children's Playground), SF. Info: 753-7004 or 753-7006.

**"Artists' Images of AIDS** & Images by Artists Living with AIDS," multimedia art exhibit by over 50 artists, on exhibit at College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery in Kentfield. Thru 12/17. Info: 485-9494.

**Central City Hospitality House** Holiday Art Celebration Arts & Crafts Sale: Crocker Galleria, 50 Post St, SF. Exhibit & sale runs thru 12/24 at two locations: Hospitality House Store/Crocker Galleria, 50 Post St, SF (1st floor) and Hospitality House Art Studio, 146 Leavenworth St, SF. Info: 749-2180.

**Bucheon Gallery**: Fine arts & crafts by American and Mexican artists. 355 Hayes St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-2891.

**Art Exhibits** at SF State University Student Union Gallery: "Six Installations", work by Prentiss Cole, Melissa Matthews and Karyn Cantor & Wynn Perry. "Head to Head," portraits by Al Chealey. "No Zen," pastel and pen & ink drawings by Glen Farez. Thru 12/16. 1650 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2580.

**"The 1970s,"** photo exhibit by Arthus Tress. Opening reception 12/5, 1-6 pm. Exhibit runs thru 1/5 at Every 6 Weeks, 323 Noe St at Market, SF.

**"O Come All Ye Faithful,"** phallic altars by Dan Willis on exhibit thru 1/6 at Eros Center for Safe Sex, SF.

**"The Dick Show,"** visual art exhibit featuring photography, drawing & sculpture by James Groleau, Keith Hennessey, Michael Rosen, Mark I Chester, Raelyn Gallina, Stevie Postman, Honey Lee Cottrell, Jim Schatz, Josh Davidson, Jack Davis and other visual artists. 12/9-1/2 at 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 863-2609.

**Works by Harry Leaf** on exhibit thru 12/6 at Sweet Inspiration, 2239 Market St betwn Noe & Sanchez, SF.

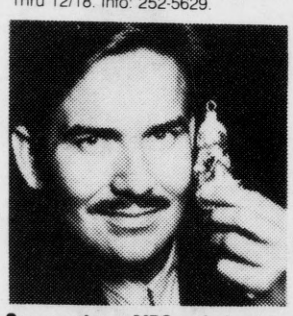
**"The Gertrude Stein Memorial** Water Closet," installation by Eva Festa at 848 Community Art Space. Walls, toilet, toilet paper, plunger and various objects covered with Stein's text (a la Tender Buttons). Recorded text plays, with a suit of Stein text to wear. Exhibit runs thru 12/30. 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. Info: 550-9764.

**"Pussy-S,"** collection of recent works by provocative local pop-graffiti artist Julian Martin. Dec-Jan at Bagdad Cafe, Market & 16th, SF. Info: (510) 284-0662.

**Oakland Glass Artists** Exhibit at Nexus Gallery, 12/4-23. Work by Bruce Pizzichillo and Dari Gordon. 11 am-5 pm, daily. 2701 8th St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 832-8380.

**"Portraits of a March: D.C. '93,"** photos by Bob Corti. Black & white and color portraits of people who participated in the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Rights. Thru December at Josie's Cabaret. Opening reception 12/4, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

**"How Do You Like** Me Now?" photo collage by Robert Bass at Higher Grounds, 3160 16th St at Guerrero, SF. Thru 12/18. Info: 252-5629.



**Ornament vs. AIDS—pledged to raise $350K to fight the epidemic. Designer Christopher Radko is at Gump's, Dec. 11.**

# resource guide

## ► AIDS RESOURCES

**ACT UP/SF** meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

**ACT-UP/Golden Gate** meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

**PISD** (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

**ACT-UP Eastbay** meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

**AIDS/HIV Nightline:** Provides night-time emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

**AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH:** the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

**The City of Berkeley** offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

**AIDS Emergency Fund**: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF 94102.

**BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives**: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

**The Brothers Network** is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

**Men of African Descent**: Support Group for men of African descent with disabling HIV disease or AIDS. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, come together & share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & many other topics. Group meets Wed eves, 6-7:30 pm at 18th Street Services, 217 Church St at Market, SF. Spons by the Client Services Dept, SF AIDS Foundation. Info: 864-5855.

**Rafiki Services Project** provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860

**Marin AIDS Project** Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

**ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group** for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

**HIV+** Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

**HIV Dual Diagnosis Program** spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

**AIDS Health Project** offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

**Third World People with AIDS/ARC** meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

**Kaiser-San Francisco** offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

**Kaiser Oakland** offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

**Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union** (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

**SF AIDS Foundation** Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

**Southeast Asian AIDS Prevention** Project offers HIV/AIDS info & private counseling in Vietnamese, Cambodian & Lao. Free prevention supplies given discreetly. Info: 885-2743.

**Oscar Romero AIDS Project** provides educational & technical HIV outreach to the poor of El Salvador. Group also brings supplies of condoms, literature & other materials to El Salvador. Info: 241-0398. 250 Fell St #21, SF 94102.

**Face to Face/Sonoma County** AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

**Valley of the Moon** AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

**The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund** for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

**Project Open Hand** delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

**The Family Link** provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

**ARIS Project**: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

**Contra Costa County** AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

**AIDS Project of Contra Costa** offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

**San Mateo County AIDS Program** provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

**AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF:** provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

**PAWS** (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

**SHARE** (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

**The Godfather Service Fund**: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

**Health Center#1** offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

**Shanti Project** offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

**Ellipse**-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

**AIDS Interfaith** Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

**AIDS Interfaith Network** of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

**AIDS Interfaith of Marin**: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

**The Center** for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

**Van Transportation Program** for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

**Interreligious Coalition** on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

**Kairos Support for Caregivers**: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

**Home Care Companions, Inc** offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

**AIDS Project of the East Bay** sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

**Parents Support Group:** for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

**Parents & Family** Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

**Lovers, Friends, & Family** of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

**Project Inform:** Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access.

Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

**Treatment Action Network** (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

**SF Public Library** for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

**Couples Group** for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

**Couples Support Group** spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

**Berkeley HIV + Support Group**: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

**HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups** spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

**Men's Couples Group:** focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

**Lovers, Family & Friends** of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

**AIDS Legal Referral Panel:** assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

**Insurance/Employee Benefits** Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

**Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems** Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

**Peter Claver Community** offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

**JFCS AIDS Project:** Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

**Emergency Health Fund** spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

**GAPA Community HIV Project**: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

**Group for Gay Asian** & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

**Group for HIV +** Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

**Sex, Dating & Relationships:** Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

**Asian American Communities** Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

**Melissa Marsh will be on a panel of women with HIV/AIDS at the Dec. 4 WORLD benefit.**

**Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr:** the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

**Napa Valley AIDS Project** provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

**Qi Gong Instruction** offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

**Ongoing poetry workshop** for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

**Stop AIDS Mtg** for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

**Pacific Center**, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

**The Immigrant HIV Assistance** Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for rnore info.

**Food for Thought**: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

**Gay Rescue Mission** helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

**The Living Room** (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

**STOP AIDS** Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

**Healing Alternatives Foundation** (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

**American Indian AIDS Institute:** Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

**In-Home Counseling Center** provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

**Federal Benefits Seminars:** twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

**Services for deaf** & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

**The Hearing Society of the Bay Area** provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

**EACH** (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

**Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr:** Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

**Lesbians with HIV:** Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

**Multi-Problem** Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

**Can We Talk?** Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

**Santa Clara County** HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

**SF Dept of Social Services** offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

**CURAS** (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

**Nutrition & HIV:** Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" × 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

**Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr** offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, chiropractic & massage therapy for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor. All practitioners are HIV-certified. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

**Castro Village Detox** offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

**Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr:** Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive &-non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

**Japanese American AIDS Project:** Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

**Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation** offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

**HIV + Lesbian Support Group** meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

**Lesbian/Bisexual Women** & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

**Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners** of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

**HIV + African American Women's** Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

**Women's AIDS Network** provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

**UCSF Positive Education Project** conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

**AIDS Info BBS:** Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

**Tai Chi Workout:** Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

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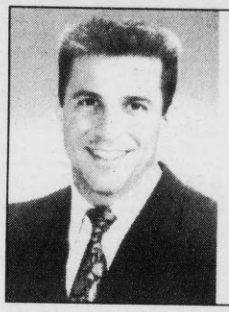

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**Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief** provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

**Positive Resource, Inc:** Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

**The Respite Care Program** of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

**Hospice by the Bay** is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

**Veterans with HIV:** You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

## ► ADDICTION RECOVERY

**Iris Project** (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

**Women's Alcoholism Ctr** provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

**AJIRA** (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

**Lesbians in Recovery** meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

**Henry Ohlhoff Programs** (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354

**Discover Your Right Livelihood** Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

**Castro Village Detox** offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

**18th Street Services** helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

**Self-Mutilators Anonymous** (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

**Free Drop-in Groups** for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

**Operation Recovery** (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

**AIR** (Alternatives in Recovery) Circle for those seeking reocvery based in spirituality & peer support, but not limited to the 12-Steps. Group seeks to expand the context in which our healing process can unfold, especially in areas of addiction/compulsion lying beyond substance abuse. All sincere seekers welcome. Info: Tree 242-1535.

**Weight-Loss Support Group** for Gay Men who prefer their support without the 12-Steps, Hail Marys or sworn allegiance to a higher power. Wkly meetings to share encouragement, exercise, recipes, some activites. Write PO Box 422502, SF CA 94142.

**Women's Feminist Alternative** to Patriarchal 12-Step Programs: Group is inclusive and validating of each women's experience. Based on Charlotte Kasl's book, *Many Roads, One Journey* and her 16-Steps for Discovery & Empowerment. Meets Mon at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: Constance 285-7017.

**Adult Men Anonymous:** Men supporting Men. Group meets every Fri 7-8:30 pm. Open & supportive. Share experiences, strength, hope & joy. Discuss ACA, SLAA, OA, co-dependence, loneliness, dysfunctionl relationships, multicultural topics. Free. 2333 Buchanan at Clay, SF. Take elevator down to "A" level, go thru dining area to 2nd room on your left. Info: 928-4474.

## ► ARCHIVES

**The Gay & Lesbian Historical** Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

**Lesbian & Gay Books** & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

**Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library**: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

**DAIR** (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

**The Oral History Project** of the Lesbian/Gay Historical Society records on tape the lives & histories of lesbian, gay, transgender & bisexual people in SF & the Bay Area. Project also provides support for interviewers working on individual projects and coordinates group projects open to new volunteers. Training sessions in oral history interviewing held approx every 6 weeks. For more info call Lyndall or Nina Jo 626-0980.

## ► BISEXUAL GROUPS

**Bay Area Bisexual Network:** Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

**Bay Area Bisexual Women's** Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

**North American Multicultural** Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

**Bisexual Women of Color** Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

**Bi Women's Support Group:** Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 5-7 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

**Bisexual Men of Color** Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

**Bisexual Rap Group:** Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Bi-Support Group** at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

**Eastbay Bi Women's** Support Group: Share & explore in safety. Mon eves. Info: Jessie (510) 232-4972 or Renee (510) 841-2101.

**BFSF** (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

**Bi-Friendly UC**: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

**Bi-Friendly Eastbay:** Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

**Eastbay Bi Women's** Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

**Bi-Friendly South Bay** (BFSB) bisexual sociál group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

**Side by Side** peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

**Peninsula Bi-Guys** group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

**Women's Bisexual Network** of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

**Goddess-Oriented Bisexual** Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

**Marin Bisexual** Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

**Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.**

**Bisexual Group** meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

**Jewish Bi's** meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

***Be sure to check*** the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

## ► CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Bearing the Unbearable:** Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

**Robin Flower & Libby McLaren play Freight & Salvage, Dec. 4.** Photo by Irene Young.

**Economics: Feminist/Womonist** Theory & Practice for Survival in a Sexist System is the topic of the first issue of a new feminist/womonist writer's journal. Editorial commentary, short stories, poetry, reviews & illustration are welcome. Writing sought from supporters of radical feminism, lesbian/womonist rights & community-building, re-institution of the matriarchy and changing of our sexist & racist language as a tool of empowerment. Info: JB (510) 601-0966.

**Peace of Art**, a innovative publishing company, seeks original artwork & photography that depicts the trauma of AIDS. Creations will be published in a high-quality art book, with portion of proceeds going to support AIDS organizations. Send materials (slides, photos, etc) SASE to Peace of Art, 232 Cleveland Ave, Mill Valley, 94941. Info: (415) 380-9869 or (800) 576-9869. Deadline: 1/31.

## ► FUN & GAMES

**UC Botanical Gardens:** University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

**Game Night!** 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Whiptail Lizard Lounge**: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

**Coming Home Hospice** Bingo: Every Thurs at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. $12 buy-in/open 6/games 7.

**Lezdance at Brew Moon** Coffeehouse: 16248 Main St, Guerneville. Sat, 9 pm-1 am, $3 cover. With DJs Laney G & Jenny A.

***Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.***

## ► HEALTH

**Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr:** Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

**American College of Traditional** Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

**Lyon-Martin Women's Health** Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

**Lesbian Clinic** of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

**Charlotte Maxwell** Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

**Women's Cancer Resource Ctr**: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

**Environmental Health Network** provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

**Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic:** testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

**Berkeley Free Clinic** offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

**Planetree** Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

**Haight Ashbury Free Clinic** Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

**Rainbow Clinic** at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call Tamar Gershon, MD, 476-1777.

**The Wellness Community:** A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

**Castro Village Detox** offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

## ► HOBBIES

**Hortiphiles:** a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

**Phoebe Snow Society**: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

**Single Lesbian Dogwalkers** Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

**Gay Men's Sketch**: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

**Greening the Mountain:** Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

**Men's Nude Drawing Group**: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

**Shadows of the Bay:** Dark Shadows Society monthly social social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

**Bondage Buddies Group:** Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

**Lavendar Winds Kite Club**: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

**Dreamers & Dreamworkers** Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

**Quicktricks**, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

**Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual** International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

**Gay Macintosh Users Group** meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

**Amazon Sewing Circle** Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

**Fremont Gay Men's** Bowling League: See Sports.

**Women: Like to read?** Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

**Gay Men's Genealogy** Discussion Group meets monthly in a library for exchange of ideas, information & research

leads. Interests range from recent immigrants to Mayflower lineages. All levels, from beginners to professionals, are welcome. Mtgs held on the 3rd Sun of each month. For details call Larry 647-0637 or Charles 441-7329.

**Ham Radio Group:** Lambda Amateur Radio Club/Golden Gate holds monthly mtg, 2nd Thurs of each month. Info: 863-1196.

## ► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

**SF Sex Information** Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

**SF Gender Information**: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

**Battered Lesbian** 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

**San Mateo Battered Women's** Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

**Battered Women's Alternatives:** Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

**Call CUAV** (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

**Gay Domestic Violence:** info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

**Battered Gay & Bisexual Men** & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

**Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard** trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

**Epicenter Switchboard**: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

**SF Rape Treatment Center:** 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

**Rape Crisis Center** of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

**SF AIDS Foundation** Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

**AIDS Legal Referral Panel:** see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

**Poison Control Central:** 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

**SF Drug Line:** support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

**Discriminated Against** because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

**Renters: Learn Your Rights!** Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

**SF Tenants Union**: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

**Sentinel Fair Housing**: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

**ECHO Housing**, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

**Senior Information Line:** events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

**Eldercare Locator:** Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

**Neighbors Driving You Crazy?** Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

**GLADRS** (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

**Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau**: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

**SF Women Against Rape** provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

**Feminist Therapy Referral Project** has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

**California Youth Crisis Line** provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

**Diamond Street Youth Shelter** provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

**Child Abuse Crisis Line** for adolescent victims of child abuse. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention's Youth Line program. Peer counseling support line for young abuser survivors trained in emotional support, crisis intervention & referral resources. Call 752-2000 Mon-Thurs 5-11 pm, Fri & Sat 7 pm-2 am.

**Lesbian Adoptees:** For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.

**Calif Lawyers for the Arts** (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

**The Calif Network** of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

**AIDS/HIV Nightline:** Emotional support, gen'l info: 5 pm-5 am, seven nights a week. In SF, call (415) 668-AIDS. Northern California: 1-800-273-AIDS.

**SF Suicide Prevention** Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

**SF Youth Line: 752-2000**

**SF Drug Line: 752-3400.**

**Dial—A-Dyke**: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

**La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.**

**LYRIC Youth Talkine** for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

**Pregnancy & Parenting Resource** & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Get info on concerns & questions regarding pregnancy & HIV, as well as general parenting issues. Fridays, 1-7 pm. Call 565-7674.

**Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center** *Informational Hotline: 255-9944 TDD. News, updates & info on Deaf lesbian & gay mtgs & events, community news and more. Hotline changed weekly on Mondays. Voice callers use California Relay 1-800-735-2922 if you do not have access to a TDD.*

## ► INCEST AND BATTERY

**Survivors of Incest, Anonymous** : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

**Ritual Abuse Survivors** ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.

**SIA:** Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

**Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors** Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.

**Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors** offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

**Partners of Survivors** of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

**Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter:** Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

**Overcoming Violent Behavior** Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

**Support Group** for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

**Support Group for Lesbians** who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

**Battered Women's Alternatives**: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

**Battered Lesbian Outreach:** offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

**Battered Lesbian** 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

**Peninsula Battered Lesbian** & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

**Battered Lesbian Support Group** for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

**La Casa de las Madres** provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

**Services for Battered Women:** Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.

**Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas:** Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.

**For more listings** under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

## ► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

**Prospective Queer Parents** Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

**Black Female Couples With Children** Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

**Lesbian Moms** of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

**Lesbians with Babies Group** meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

**Southbay Gay Parents:** an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

**Lesbian Mother Support Group** meets Tues 10:30 am-noon at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Saralie Pennington, LCSW 626-7000, ext 173.

**Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption?** Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

**Adoption Support Groups** for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

**Chain of Life**: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

**NOCIRC** (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

**GLADRS** (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

**Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program** offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

**The Rainbow Clinic** at UCSF is a pediatric clinic for children ages 0-18, with lesbian & gay parents. Health care provided by lesbian & gay providers in a sensitive, supportive environment. Info/appt: Tamar Gershon, MD (415) 476-1777.

**Operation Concern** offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families, families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.

**Pregnancy & Parenting Resource** & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. See Hotlines & Referrals.

**Be sure to check** the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

## ► PEOPLE OF COLOR

**Black & White Men Together** Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.

**Bisexual People of Color** Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

**Lesbians of Color/**Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

**Bisexual Women of Color** Group—See Bisexual Groups.

**Bisexual Men of Color** Group—See Bisexual Groups.

**Zebra Brigade**: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.

**African American lesbians 40+**: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Francine (510) 268-9087.

**Ache**: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

**Black Female Couples With Children** Support Group: See Parenting.

**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

**APBS: African American Designers**: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.

**Free Acupuncture Services** offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.

**Third World People with AIDS**/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.


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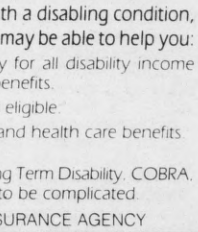

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**Gay Asian Rap Group** in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
**Trikone**: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
**CASA**: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
**CURAS** (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
**GELAAM:** Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
**AGUILAS** (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
**Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay:** Social group meets monthly. Info: (510) 530-3473.
**Asian Pacific Sisters** (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Candine (415) 621-2982 or Peg (510) 531-6879 for more information.
**Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network** (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
**Asian & Pacific Islander** Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
**Vietnamese Gay Men's Group:** Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
**Vietnamese Lesbians' Group** (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.
**Japanese American Gay Social** (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
**Black Gay & Bisexual** Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
**Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance** (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
**Support Group for Asian**/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
**Pacific Friends-SF:** Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.
**Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group:** Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.
**African-American Men** dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
**The Brothers Network** provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
**African-American Women** with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
**Lesbians of Color** sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
**Motorcycle Club** for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
**Artists of Color Open Mike Night** at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
**Sonoma County Women of Color** Fun Day: Meet other women of color at noon in the Northbay on first Sun of each month for hiking, movie-watching, shopping, beach trips, coffee, etc. Info: (707) 887-1221.
**African-American Young Men**: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.
**Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle** for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.
**Lesbians of Color Project** of the National Center for Lesbian Rights welcomes interested lesbians of color to join the Lesbians of Color Community Advisory Committee. LOC Project provides free direct legal assistance, information & access to various lesbians of color communities. Info: Stephanie Smith, Lesbians of Color Project Coordinator, 621-0674.
**Lesbians of Color** Therapy Group meets Thurs 5:30-7 pm. Spons by Operation Concern. SL fee. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Micaela Lovett, 626-7000.

## ► PERFORMANCE

**Mothertongue Feminist Theater** Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
**VOICES**: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
**Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF** invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
**The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers** encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
**GAWK** (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
**Fat Lip Readers Theatre**: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
**Jon Sims Center** for the Performing Arts: Multidisciplinary lesbian/gay arts organization offering instrumental, dance & vocal opportunities, and video opportunities, in a fun "family" atmosphere. The Center also offers studio & office rentals. 1519 Mission St, SF. Info: Lauren 554-0402.
**Visual Artists Crtitique** Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. Queer artists, artists of color & activist artists are especially encouraged. Info: Claude 821-7931.
**Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon**: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
**Bay Area Raw Rahs:** Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
**SF Fringe Riders** perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
**931 Cloggers:** All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 264-1529.
**LIPS**: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.
**Just A Stage** Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

## ► POLITICAL

**Queer Nation**: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
**Transgender Nation:** A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.
**Queer Planet**: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
**Queers for Cuba** works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. For mtg time & place call 995-4678.
**ACT UP East Bay** currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
**ACT UP/Golden Gate** holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
**Gay & Lesbian Alliance** Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
**GLAAD East Bay** meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
**GLAAD South Bay** meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
**GLAAD North Bay:** Meets 2nd Tues of each month, 7 pm at Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Room #12, SF. Info: Kenny Altman 647-3055.
**Lesbian Uprising!** A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
**Lesbian Avengers:** Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
**NGLTF** (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (415) 541-5013.
**Stonewall Gay Democratic Club**: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
**Lavender SIG** (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
**Men Against Circumcision**: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
**Berkeley Women in Black:** Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.
**Classism Discussion Group** for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.
**Lavendar Greens**: Independent networking group of activist men & women that functions to foster environmental/Green values in the gay, lesbian, bi & transgender communities. Group meets in a variety of settings—monthly salons, group habitat restoration activities, etc—to share ideas & actively build/contribute to our communities. Info: Kai 282-6282 (leave message).
**Whiptail Lizard Women's Collective**: Dykes creating space for music, art, politics, meetings, hanging out & whatever else we want to create in the lesbian community. The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is an alternative, alcohol, drug and smoke-free community center in SF. All women are welcome! Open collective meetings every Sun at 7 pm at the Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. For events & more info call 267-6979.
**LAGAI** (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110
**Women Against Imperialism** (WAI): 3543 18th St #14, SF 94110. Actions and events hotline number: 995-4735

## ► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

**Golden Gate Business Association** (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
**Brava! For Women** in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
**Federal Lesbians & Gays** (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
**G/LOV:** Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
**Chevron Lesbian & Gay** Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
**United Airlines Lesbian & Gay** Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
**Women's Business Network** (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
**Gays & Lesbians in Planning**: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
**BANGLE** (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.
**APB:** African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.
**National Lesbian & Gay Journalists** Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.
**GAYLESTA** (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.
**Forty Plus**: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.
**Break Out:** Networking group for gay/lesbian trainers and human resource/organizational development professionals: Social & professional network. Monthly programs provide an opportunity to interact informally or hear presentations on topics of interest. To get on mailing list or for more info call Andy Black (415) 626-4071 or Grace Greenberg (510) 465-0341.

## ► SENIORS

**Operation Concern's GLOE** (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
**Senior Information Line:**—see Hotlines & Referrals.
**St Francis of Assisi** Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
**Senior Information & Referral** Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.
**Eldercare Locator** helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.
**Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight** Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

**Homo Promo: a look at 25 years of Hollywood advertising for queer-themed films plays at the Castro on Dec. 3. Pictured: Richard Burton and Rex Harrison in "Staircase."**

## ► SOCIAL GROUPS

**Girth & Mirth Club** of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
**UCGALA** (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
**Cal Poly GALA** (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
**Multicultural** Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.
**Sunset Rising**: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
**Fremont Men** Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
**Berkeley Flats Dykes** (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.
**Tri-City Area Lesbians**: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
**Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto** meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.
**Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County** meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.
**Coastside Social Group** (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
**Albany Dykes**: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.
**Oakland Lesbians** living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.
**Island of Alameda Lesbians** offers monthly potluck. Come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 748-0127.
**Solano Lambda Men's Assoc**: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
**Napa Valley Men's Network:** Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.
**Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women** of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.
**Peninsula Bi Guys** Group: See Bisexual.
**Women Over 50** Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
**Forties**, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location call Ramon (408) 423-1155.
**Generation X:** Animated social/discussion group for gay men in their 20s. Meets biweekly to explore issues of gay angst & recreation. Topics include internalized homophobia, relationships & careers. Also potlucks, outdoor adven-

tures. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Albert 252-9097.

**Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch** Group, see People of Color.

**Bridging the Gap Alliance**: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

**East Bay Network**: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

**New Horizons:** Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

**Eastbay Dykes Separatist** Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

**The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization** meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

**Negatives Being Positive**: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

**Coastside Social Group** (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

**The Guys:** A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

**Couples Club of SF Bay Area**: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.

**Queer Deadheads** gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

**Brainy, Artsy Gals**: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

**Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis**, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

**Avis Au Public:** San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1er vendredi du mois. Info: 771-2954.

**Utne-Style Salon**: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month. Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.

**SF Lesbian Teatime Group:** Social group for SF lesbians meets monthly at teatime in the City for socializing, fun. For info/location call Dionne, 922-2137.

**Dykes & Their Dogs/Eastbay**: Group for dykes & our dogs meets 2nd & 4th Sundays. Call Roz (510) 581-7212 for info.

## ► SPIRITUALITY

**Shabbat Services** with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

**Temple Israel of Alameda**: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

**Temple Sinai of Oakland** congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

**Jewish Lesbians, bisexual** women & women friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish to share. Please wear no scents. Info: (510) 654-8104.

**Nishmat Shalom:** An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

**Hartford Zen Center:** A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

**Ms. Suzy Berger takes over the Tea Spot for Lesbian Comedy Night, Dec. 4.**

**Dharma Sisters:** Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

**Gay Buddhist Fraternity:** For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

**Vajrayana Buddhist** Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

**Tayu Center:** a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

**Sunday's Women** gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

**Women's Circle Network**: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

**Witches Support Group** meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

**Women's Spirituality Circle**: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

**Imaging the Goddess** as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

**J Krishnamurti Dialogues** & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

**Unitarian Universalist Church:** Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

**Walnut Creek Interweave**, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, TV, Bi, TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church, noon-1 pm after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323.

**St Marks Lutheran Church** Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

**Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle** comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

**St Paul's Lutheran Church**: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

**Dolores Street Baptist Church**: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

**Acceptance: Baptist** Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

**American Baptists Concerned:** a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

**Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church** (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

**First Baptist Church, Berkeley** welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

**Bethany United Methodist Church:** Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

**Montclair Presbyterian Church** welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

**Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church**: Inclusive community: gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

**St John's Presbyterian Church**: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

**Alameda First Congregational** Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

**First Congregational Church of Christ**: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

**St John's United Church** of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

**First Congregational Church**/United Church of Christ: An "open & affirming" church that began ordaining gays & lesbians in 1972. Worship services 5:30 pm Sat ? 9 & 11 am Sun. Free validated parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Post & Mason Sts, SF. Info: 392-7461.

**Christian Women's** Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

**Metropolitan Community Church** (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

**Golden Gate MCC** Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

**New Life MCC** Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. Sun worship 12:30 pm; potluck every 3rd Sun. Song & prayer service 1st Thurs, 7:30 pm. Call for info on bible study–support group. Info: Rev Barry Wichmann and Rev Leslie Addison (510) 843-9355.

**MCC of San Lorenzo** meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

**Diablo Valley MCC** Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

**New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa** meets


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– Women's sex and health fair

For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.

11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

**Russian River MCC** Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

**Evangelicals Concerned-**SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

**Agape Full Gospel Fellowship:** Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

**Freedom in Christ Evangelical** Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

**St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic** Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

**Icon Orthodox Fellowship**: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

**Saint Raphael's** Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

**GLAD** (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley. 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

**Affirmation:** Gay & Lesbian Mormons meet every Sun at 5:30 pm at the Pension Hotel, 1668 Market St between Van Ness Ave & Market Sts, SF. Come meet queer Mormons in a social support group not affiliated with the LDS churchb. Info: (415) 641-4554 or (510) 658-1839.

## ► SPORTS

**Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes** interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

**SF Frontrunners** Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Sun 9 am, Dolores Park. Info: Jim Durkin 863-0954.

**Eastbay Frontrunners Club** sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391, Roz (510) 939-3579 or Bill (510) 528-0339.

**Baylands Frontrunners:** Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

**SF Hiking Club:** join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

**Different Spokes/SF:** Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

**Marin Hike & Bike Club** for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans**: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter, call 281-5666 (24-hrs).

**Gay/Lesbian Sierrans** Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call voicemail (408) 236-2170 for info.

**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

**Golden Gate Wrestling Club** holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

**SF Wrestling Club**: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

**Motorcycle Club** for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

**Pegasus Motorcyle Club** for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 238-9406 or Allen/Southbay (408) 774-9967.

**Dyke Diver** offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

**Northern Calif Rainbow Divers**: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

**SF Tsunami** Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

**Barbary Coast Boating** Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

**SF Track & Field Club:** Open to men & women, all ages. Wkly training sessions at Kezar Stadium in SF; compete in varous meets during spring & summer; prepare for upcoming Gay Games IV. For additional info/workout schedule call Rick 550-7966.

**Women's Soccer Team**: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

**Women's Soccer Team** welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

**Men's Soccer Team**, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

**Rugby:** Bay Area women's rugby team welcomes new members. Info: 621-3871 or 854-3819.

**Women's Field Hockey League:** Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

**SF Women's FLAG Football** League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

**Stonewall Climbers:** Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

**SF Women's Judo Club:** Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

**Ronin Dojo Karate** School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

**Aikido Arts Center:** For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

**Hand to Hand Martial Arts**: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

**PAWMA** (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

**Wing Tao Mobility Arts:** Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.

**Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers**: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

**BICEPS** (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

**"Musica Sagrada Y Profana,"—a concert of Hispanic music by the Sacred & Profane Chamber Chorus. Dec 11 has info.**

**ABS** (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

**Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team**: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

**Rollerblade Club** for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

**East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players** social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

**AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance** Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.

**Fremont Gay Men's Bowling** League: Sign-up for this friendly men's league. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are encouraged to participate. Call Mark (510) 797-6997 for group mtg times & other info.

## ► SUPPORT GROUPS

**Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous:** SF group, see Incest & Battery.

**Support Group for Gay** & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

**Women's Cancer Support Groups:** spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

**Lesbian Adoptees:** See Hotlines & Referrals.

**Adoptees, Birth Parents** & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

**Drop-in Gay Men's Rap** at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Monday Gay Men's Group** at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Drop-in Lesbian Rap** at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

**Palo Alto Lesbian Rap** Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

**Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion** Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

**Walnut Creek Gay Support** Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

**Graves' Disease** (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info.

**Lesbians w/mild MS:** Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

**Headache Support Group** meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

**Hidden Disabilities/**Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

**Support Group for Women** who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

**Women's Coming Out Group:** open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

**Coming Out Support Group** at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

**Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians:** Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

**Slightly Older Lesbian** Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

**Personal Support Group** for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

**Support Group for Battered Lesbians**, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

**Lesbian MidLife Support Group** meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

**50s Support Group**: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 530-0202.

**Married/Formerly Married** Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

**Married & Divorced** Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

**Men's Support Group** for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

**Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual** Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

**Foreskin Restoration Group** for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

**Men Against Circumcision:** NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

**Eastbay PFLAG** (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

**SF PFLAG**: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

**Peninsula FLAG**: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

**Woman-to-Woman SM:** Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

**The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center** provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

**MBLGA** (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

**Former Jehovah's Witnesses:** Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

**For More Listings** in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

## ► THERAPY GROUPS

**Women's Institute for Mental Health:** low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

**Disabled Lesbian Group** for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

**Gay Men's Disabled Group:** are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

**McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute** at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

**Berkeley Free Clinic** peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

**Men—Have You Abused Your Lover?** Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

**Lesbian Counseling Group** offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

**12-Wk Process Groups** for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

**Intuitive Hypnotherapy** for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

**Jewish Family Service** of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

**Gay Men's Coming Out** drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

**For Additional Listings** in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

## ► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

**Transvestites & Transsexuals** rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

**TV/TS & Friends** Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

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**SF Gender Information:** provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

**Can We Talk?** Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

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**Transgender Nation:** See Political.

## ► WRITING

**Novel Writing Group** for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

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**Lesbian Playwrights Group** meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

**Self-Empowerment Environment** (SEE) Group meets weekly, new members are welcome. Group writes, reads & publishes stories of our growth. Different "concepts" explored each week. Info: Sountru 826-9001.

## ► YOUTH

**LYRIC** (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

**Pride & Prejudice:** Education/social group spons by LYRIC & LYFE. A welcoming group for the queer youth community, offers education & social events to introduce youth to pertinent community issues, meet friends, learn more about queer life, and have fun! Tuesdays, 6-8 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: Elisabeth 565-7681.

**BAY** (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

**California Runaway Hotline** provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

**Rainbow's End:** Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

**Sexual Identity Forum** for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

**BASMYN** (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion

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# SoMa Surrender

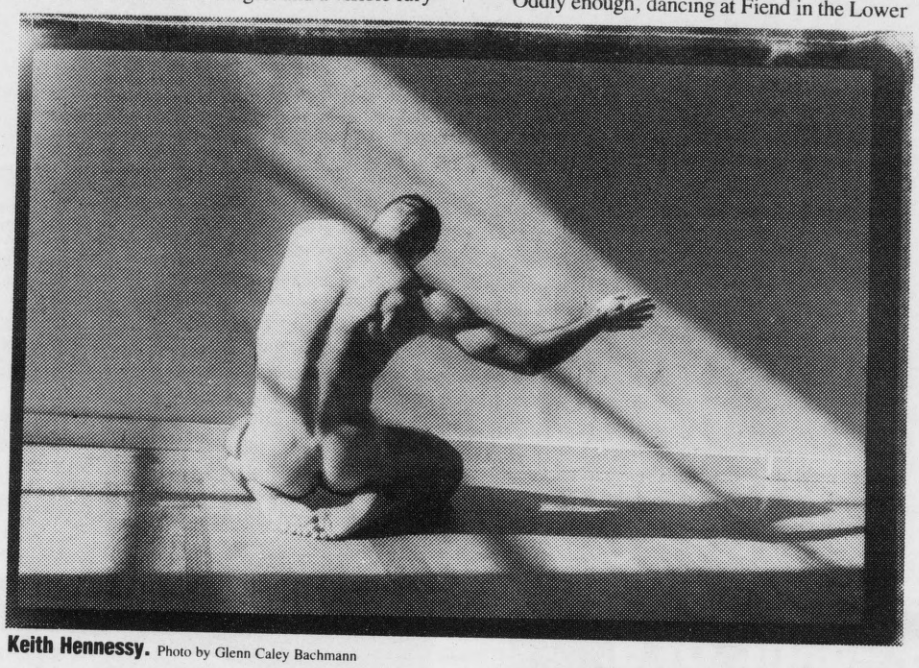
Well, I just moved into a new apartment in that ever-lovin' neighborhood that I never fathomed living in, the fabulous SoMa. I was wracked with fear over this move and its implications or effects on my life. Would I get lost in the miasma of nightspots within close proximity and drink myself to an early lounge-lizard-type death? Would I end up skinny as a chihuahua, trembling and rapidly leafing through sex mags at that special bookstore at 4 am after I've run out of tokens? Would I become an even bigger trollop than I am now, and start dragging man after man up from the street, after striking a seductive pose in the front window facing Folsom Street?

If so, would I finally read a character completely wrong and end up dismembered and in a plastic bag under the freeway? Would my roommates be mortally wounded by my own Mr. Goodbar when I chose to let him in the apartment just for the sake of another cheap orgasm? Would I die in the event of a strong earthquake because SoMa's built on landfill? Would my peers who live in warehouse lofts in this area dis me because my SoMa home is a traditional flat? Would I get fagbashed on Fridays and Saturdays by the suburban boys I want so badly only because I know better than they just how badly they actually want me? (My friends throw up their arms in resignation on this one, saying "If you continue to whistle at them and scream 'blowjob' or 'work my butt' or 'hey, sexy,' you'll get beaten up.") Would I start listening to jazz in "jazz clubs" owned by supermodels and full of guys who wish and act like they're from a different era? Oh my god, would I start doing my laundry at Brain Wash? Aaarrrggh!

**DIRTY LAUNDRY**

Only time will tell, but when I saw that this new pad included, unbeknownst to me, a washer and dryer, I jumped for joy. I wouldn't have to face young single women on the make at Brain Wash pretending to be helpless. "Excuse me ... ummm ... hi-eeee. Could you help me work this thingy that you put the coins in. I, like, can't do it," delivered super-feminine while her eyes peruse your neatly folded intimate underthings. You'd be surprised just how often some confused girl plays the helpless trick in an attempt to "cute" her way into your attentiveness. It's just as offensive as a lounge-y type creepy man approaching a woman with a line like, "If I said you had a beautiful body would you hold it against me, baby." Sexual harassment can begin with the batting of eyelashes as well as a cavalcade of catcalls from a construction site during lunch break. Know what I mean?

Speaking of lunch breaks, my best friend Margret took one from her downtown job recently and set out for a restaurant. Dressed in the average skirt/jacket/silk blouse ensemble favored by downtown secretaries and office workers, she should have just blended in, but the uniform wasn't enough to conceal this reckless, driven, vitality that is uniquely Margret's. As she strolled, a homeless woman of questionable mental faculties took note of Margret and a visible fury swept over her. She started walking along hurriedly behind my friend and pointing, screamed really loud, "She wants to get fucked!" Margret heard her and didn't think much of it but the woman persisted in her proclamation, singling out passersby to tell them what Margret wanted. I asked her what she did, having been pegged for almost three city blocks. "All I could do was laugh really hard because it's true!" And it was a good thing it wasn't happening on Sixth Street, where one woman's moralizing could have led to a Night Train-powered gang rape. Harassment comes in all forms—too bad it's seldom so absurd or amusing. But when you think about it, her statement was universal. Margret and I aren't the only ones on the streets South of Market who want to get fucked. We are just some of the few who are proud of it.



**Keith Hennessy.** Photo by Glenn Caley Bachmann

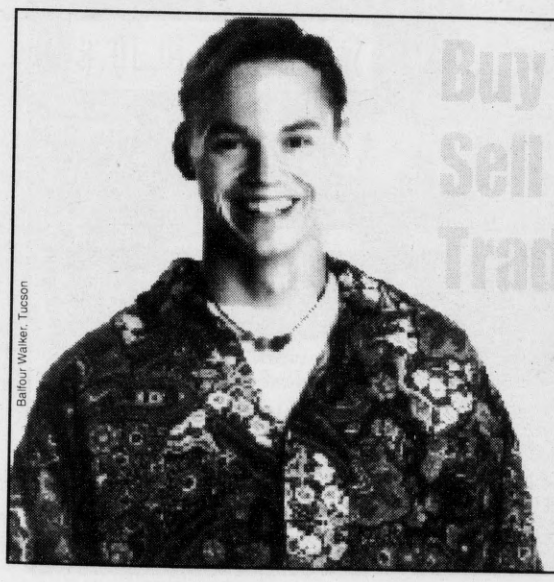
Moving is a real fucking blast, and a lot of people I know have relocated recently. After all the boxes and furnishings have arrived, my favorite part of the moving process begins—hooking up the stereo and christening the new space with high volume music. It took me a few days before I got around to this step. After hearing the constant throb of music from the bar we live above, I felt no guilt whatsoever in cranking it full tilt, knowing full well that no one would or could complain. I slammed on a smattering of my favorites. I played some Hole (my current fave), Cords, Fugazi, Butthole Surfers, Revolting Cocks, Bongwater, Pussy Tourette, Klaus Nomi and a particularly hefty chunk of L7, which had me headbanging up and down our hallway and bouncing off the walls of my room. I love to jump around to rock music almost more than anything, even walking on public streets exuding my desire to get fucked.

Oddly enough, dancing at Fiend in the Lower Haight every Saturday is a lot like combining the two. However just like the streets, Fiend's dance floor can be problematic. You see, fags have discovered the joy of moshing around in what they laughingly refer to as a slam pit. It's great that this sort of aggressive physicality takes place on the dancefloor at Fiend, and in response to music that isn't gay-nightclub-run-of-the-mill but rather rap and rock-and-roll and classic rock and techno of the edgier variety, but something about this whole dynamic just isn't right. As I whir around joyously on the dance floor, I catch varied attitudes, actions, motivations and reactions on people's faces and bodies. I also catch an elbow in the eye, a fat lip, the full force of an innocent bystander's body being pushed into me like a cannonball, the reaction of the people who are fully aware of my body flying toward them, who counter the motion by standing on the sides of the pit and taking great joy in pushing me really hard back into the fleshy, hot and sweaty center of it all, and then I fly into the joker-ass boneheads who like to push each other into the DJ booth and make the record skip on purpose, I realize that I could drown in one of those large glasses of beer as it flies over my face and down my throat. And it wasn't even my beer! Since my shirt is drenched, I take it off and lose it and then some of those pussy motherfuckers on the edge of the pit pushing at people and giggling knock me back into the middle, and suddenly my unclad chest enables me to feel and understand slick sweaty bodies converging, colliding and sliding across each other, providing the illumination that this whole activity is a sensory wonderland for those stripped to the waist. Then I start to see that some of the hottest guys flailing around in the middle have their dicks hanging out of their pants, nonchalantly, as if it was just another fashion nuance of MTV Urban Dance Culture. And just as nonchalance starts to give way to erect some oversized bumbling retard of a new-wave-punk wannabe hurls himself in utter joy, taking seven people down and thinking to herself, the queen, "I'm really superpunk and a good slammer."

I'm furious. I think to myself, "These stupid little shave-headed pierced-up Ice Princess Cruisers are such a lot of wanks. They don't know what a slam pit is. None of these little bitches were at the Mabuhay Gardens seeing Black Flag back in '81 when a slam pit was a concerted effort, a coordinated group expression of probable possible nihilism. It was a concerted display of outward aggression, not inward choice. People didn't hurt each other unless they were doing it wrong."

I saw an able-bodied guy wearing long shorts and a simple elegant strand of pearls fly through the crowd, and recognized him as Keith Hennessey, queer pagan performance artist and regular patron of Fiend. Keith can be found slamming around in the pit usually every Saturday. So disgruntled with the actions of this so-called slam pit, I was moved to express my dismay and fantasize about delivering a full-on lecture on the Slam Pit Proper at Fiend one Saturday. I suggested that it would be great if Keith and I could collaborate on such a presentation—you know, one of those ideas of the moment that could be a lot of fun.

Voted best local performance artist in 1992 by the *SF Bay Guardian*, Keith is a queer anarchist pagan artist concerned with radical democracy, sexual liberation and spiritual renewal—so much what I expect from a truly great slam pit situation. Keith's solo works, self-titled holy male performance ritual trickery, include *Saliva* (1989), *Sacred Boy* (1990/92), *The King Is Dead* (1991) and *Heat* (1993). Keith and Josie's Cabaret will be presenting his work, *Sacred Boy*, Dec. 1-12, at 8 pm. Phone 861-7933 to make reservations for a show that most avid readers of this column should enjoy immensely, from an artist of awesome commitment and certain importance. ✿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# Giving Thanks: Musings Over The Thanksgiving Holiday

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

It's always felt like the year practically ended by Sept. 30, my birthday. I mean, right after I had unwrapped my presents, it was time to start thinking about my costume for Halloween. And once all the candy in the orange plastic jack-o'-lantern had been eaten, it was time to pin paper turkeys on the corkboard. And on and on until suddenly the last two digits of the year had advanced by one.

That's my childhood recollection of the holidays, a blur of boxes and chocolates and getting to stay up late, of cold hands and runny noses and butternut squash. Adulthood has brought many things, perhaps the greatest being I am finally, *finally* an adult, one of those grown-ups I longed to be as a child, able to feed, clothe and take care of myself without having to answer to anyone. Maybe it's not the greatest thing, after all, and you might agree if you saw the state of my bedroom.

Adulthood brings responsibility and uncertainty, too. In years past, I had to decide with whom I was going to spend the holidays: friends or family? Family or friends? This year, though, it wasn't hard. My parents were celebrating their 60th birthdays by taking a week-long cruise along the Mexican Riviera. My sister, the ultra-orthodox one, would be at her mother-in-law's house feasting on a kosher, catered meal. The thing that ruins that particular celebration is not the kosher turkey, which is in fact quite wonderful. It is not the catered food, either, served on pristine silver and china. It's the table setting that gets me: small tables of three or four persons are scattered around the room, completely disrupting my idea of one long table at which the entire gathering can be seated.

In my family, Thanksgiving, Passover and Mother's Day were celebrated loudly, with lots of story-telling and ranting. There was always a patriarch or matriarch presiding over the meal, with glasses raised high, amid Yiddish-tinged epithets.

Today, as a chef and a food writer, I insist on a quality meal. It's been a challenge to remember that not everyone is so preoccupied with food as I. My friends cooperate to the greatest extent they can, and when I push too hard, they tell me. But this year, with the other main planner having moved to Portland, it was up to me to create the menu and somehow execute it. We would only be about 12 people. "Easy," I thought. And for weeks I planned and dreamt and slept and thought about the meal. The MEAL.

A friend who died of AIDS last year was an incredible chef, gifted and inspired, and funny as hell. He's sort of become my muse in the kitchen, and when I am really proud of a dish, he's right there with me ooh-ing and aah-ing and remarking on the color and texture and flavor. I miss him a lot, so part of this year's meal was a tribute to Scott, who was a terrific and harsh judge of all my food.

Scott once told me about Julia Child's method for cooking goose. "She steams it first, then roasts it," he said. That memory ran around in my head, and I had selected my bird. What to stuff it with? I hadn't ever made stuffing, leaving that as a child to the adults, and as an adult, to others, freeing me up for more "exciting" dishes. Wild rice, sage and pecan stuffing came to mind. Okay, that sounds easy. Creamed fennel and spinach, roast parsnips and celery root, and fresh cranberry-tangerine sauce made it on the menu. How about garlic mashed potatoes?

Somewhere in the planning process, I scored some squab and smoked duck bones, perfect for a stock, which I would reduce and thicken with a roux, for gravy. Hey, this was going to work. I ordered the bird from United Fish and Poultry in Plaza Foods, over on Fulton and Masonic. I trust them, or I used to, anyway. Armed with the tip from Julia that geese must be young, about 10 pounds and fresh, I called and reserved my bird. I completely lost my ground and ended up ordering an 18-pound bird, big enough to feed 12 people, I was assured, and not at all tough or old.

I wrote recipes and handed them out, encouraging my culinarily challenged friends and offering tips I hadn't included in the detailed recipes. The term "Control Queen" came to mind, and I quickly discarded the label, looking forward to the MEAL and praying my friends would follow my every last instruction.

My acupuncturist and I were planning to visit the AIDS and cancer ward at Laguna Honda Hospice, with cookies and Thanksgiving cheer, and then help cook the dinner at the Maitri Hospice in the Castro. Somehow, it was getting to be a pretty full day, but I was glad I had delegated most of the cooking for my own meal. I was committed to having a stress-free day.

The goose arrived; it was huge. I needed a new pan, a big pan, with a tight fitting lid and rack to support the goose during the steaming while the rivers of goose fat poured from the beast's flesh. Off I headed to Cookin' (Divisadero between Oak


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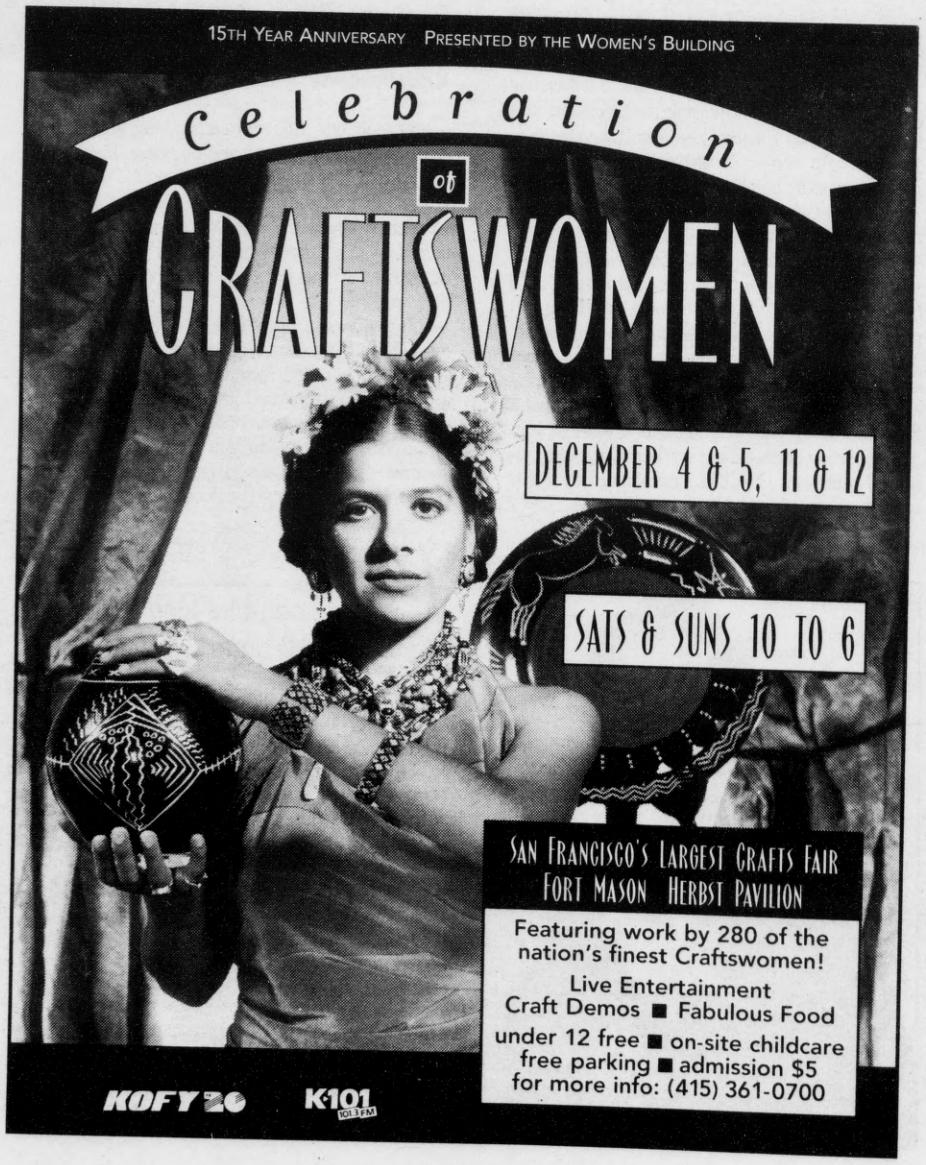
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and Page) and returned with a brown steel pan with a high domed lid straight out of *The Waltons*. It's a gorgeous thing, very historical.

My Thursday began with steaming the goose, preparing the stuffing, turning the goose's liver into *pate de foie d'oie*, and turning the cookies out onto platters. My Chinese doctor arrived and we scurried through the ward, hugging and feeding and wishing everyone a great day. My favorite patient, Juana, who must be close to 80 and only speaks Spanish, insisted I sit and spend a few moments with her. She was in a lot of pain from the cancer, and her morphine wasn't even helping. We talked about Thanksgiving and her daughter, who would be there soon to take Juana home for the day, but Juana was afraid she wouldn't be able to leave her bed.

Back in the Castro, I cringed as Carol, the doctor, told the chef we would only be able to stay an hour. I had promised at least two. But the three of us got to work, and in an hour and a half had completed most of the meal. It was one o'clock and I was free to start the rest of my meal.

Everything proceeded smoothly. My pumpkin cheesecake man had been too busy to make his recipe, so instead showed up with a fine substitute, a pecan pie from Just Desserts. Everyone else took their jobs seriously and did beautifully. I was proud.

The goose, on the other hand, let me down. The crisp skin and juicy flesh deceived me into thinking that Julia had been wrong, that there was nothing to be worried about: but, alas, the breast was tough and tasted old. I'm so sorry, Julia. I should never have betrayed you.

Once we sat down and all the smiling faces were there, peering around to see each other, we gave thanks. We were grateful for so many things—our health, each other, to be living in, gulp, well, yes, America, and all those "things" above our basic needs. Throughout much of the year we're so focused on gossiping and work and traffic that we forget the simple lesson of Thanksgiving: a return to humility and gratitude. Thanks. ✿


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**Ruth Brown performs "Tribute to Fats"** Photo by Bill Harris

# Ruth Brown Sings at Jazz Piano Fest

*Reviewed by Gene Price*

The final night of the San Francisco Jazz Festival was a tribute to the 50th anniversary of Fats Waller's passing. It was a blast and fairly rocked staid Davies Hall.

The City's Mike Lipskin both played and served as MC through an evening that interwove the magnificent stride piano playing of Ralph Sutton, Dick Hyman and Lipskin, alternating on solos, duets and quartets with special guests 84-year-old Jay McShann on piano and 88-year-old Doc Cheatham (a Waller crony) on trumpet. Bassist Vernon Alley and drummer Harold Jones provided a rhythm section for the piano all-stars.

Hyman and Lipskin romped through two early Waller tunes, "Sweet Savannah Sue" and "Handful of Keys," and Hyman's later "Jitterbug Waltz" was hog heaven for Waller fans. McShann was no less than sensational on his rousing boogie treatment of "Blues for Fats" and on an elegant rendition of "Then I'll Be Tired of You." Lipskin's set included a vocal on the slapstick "Us on a Bus," and Cheatham joined him with some impressive solo work on "Crazy About My Baby." The wildly enthusiastic crowd cheered Sutton's "Vipers Drag."

Featured vocalist of the tribute was Broadway's Ruth Brown (winner of a 1989 Tony for *Black and Blue*, and direct from the current production of *Ain't Misbehavin'*). Having caught the truly memorable performance of ingratiating Cleo Laine on the previous evening, I was somewhat disappointed by Ms. Brown's stage presence. She came on, sang her set, acknowledged the applause, and departed.

She sang well, but that unique verve I remembered from *Black and Blue* was not in evidence. "I've Got a Feelin' I'm Fallin'," "Cash for Your Trash," "Ain't Misbehavin' " and a fine "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter" (interpolated with sassy asides of her own) comprised her set.

Sutton and McShann on one piano, Lipskin on the other, and Hyman on organ, along with Cheatham, Alley and Jones, took it home with "Honeysuckle Rose" and the full house was on its feet. Always erudite and amusing, the *Examiner's* Phil Elwood was host for this final Jazz Festival night.

# ASCAP Songwriters' Showcase

*Reviewed by Scott Cady*

In 1990, ASCAP presented the first of many successful Cabaret Songwriters' Showcases in New York. These showcases soon branched out, found another home at the Gardenia Club in Los Angeles and recently made a Northern California premiere at the Osher Marin JCC in San Rafael. The evening, hosted by Bonnie Franklin ("One Day at a Time"), featured songs by relative newcomers Michelle Brourman, Faye Greenberg and Shelly Markham. The special guest and true "star" of the evening was the incomparable lyricist Alan Bergman.

Lyricist Faye Greenberg, with husband David Lawrence at the piano, sang three of her songs with the assistance of vocalist Christina Saffran. In "Born to Write," the lyrics profess that the song is a special favorite of Barbra Streisand's sister. Saffran did a wonderful job with "And I Hope I Didn't Wake You" and "Till the Hurt Disappears." As a friend next to me whispered, "It's too bad she doesn't have better material to work with." Enough said.

Shelly Markham presented three songs from his musical, *Love and Shrimp*, in which he has taken the poems of Judith Viorst and cleverly set them to music. Host/singer Bonnie Franklin was only fair as she joined Markham on "Money" and took on "Henry" alone. Singer Melissa Converse came out for "Rapunzel," a creatively twisted view of the age-old fairy tale.

The highlight of the evening came in the persona of Alan Bergman (sans wife and co-lyricist Marilyn). Together they have received three Academy Awards (the scores of, among many others, *The Way We Were* and *Yentl*) and praise as one of the great lyric-writing teams of all time. This night Bergman movingly interpreted one of his early classics, "Nice and Easy," a medley of "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life" and the poignant Mandel/Bergman "Where Do You Start?," closing with his theme for the television show "Brooklyn Bridge."

Composer Michelle Brourman topped the second half of the evening with "Hold Out for the Real Thing," sung by the glossy-voiced Tim Stone. Brourman performed "The Gentleman" and Michelle Converse returned for "Think About the Bad Times." Brourman's portion concluded with the best song of these new songwriters, the well-known "My Favorite Year." Bergman again graced the stage for "Summer Me, Winter Me" (it was originally written as an uptempo number until the Bergmans were asked to write the lyrics) and "Memories." The showcase came to a close as Franklin joined Bergman for "How Do You Keep the Music Playing?" ✿


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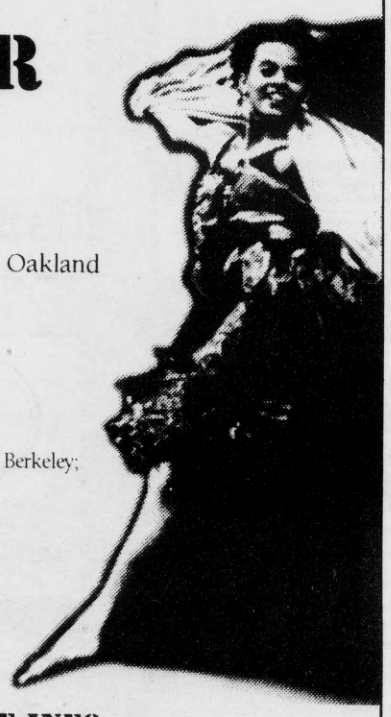

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# Changing Women:

## *New Lesbian Comic Suzanne Westenhoefer and Legendary Women's Music Midwives Cris Williamson and Tret Fure are...* Olivia in 1993

*by J. Willow Pearson*

It has been said that legendary folksinger/songwriter and women's music champion Cris Williamson is, above all else, a teacher of "the art of the impossible," a fitting name for one who, in the early '70s, originated the idea for what would soon become Olivia Records—a women's music business centered on promoting lesbian musical artists nationwide.

The fact that Williamson first envisioned and then realized a women-owned and women-run record label to promote lesbian music, in a decade where trying to find lesbian music in the music industry was akin to looking for a needle in a haystack, is in itself a tribute to her "art of the impossible." The fact that the Olivia label is still thriving 20 years later is a further testament to the combined efforts of numerous women who shared Williamson's vision and were both willing and able to see it through.

It is this art of turning the impossible into the possible that Williamson has in common with new lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoefer, who will share the Olivia concert stage with her on Dec. 11 at Zellerbach Auditorium in Berkeley.

Generations apart and rooted in the distinct realms of music and comedy respectively, Williamson (together with musical partner Tret Fure), and Westenhoefer, collectively bring together tastes of both the humor and the depth of lesbian-feminist expression in 1993.

By inviting Williamson and Westenhoefer to perform together, Olivia demonstrates and celebrates its relevance to our communities. Through this concert, Olivia is reaching out not only to wise women (who have every one of Williamson's 14 recordings to date!) but also to young women (who may have a few mixed tapes with a Williamson tune on it, amidst their musical collections of k.d. and Melissa. These young women may witness the effects of, but do not always appreciate the significant impact of, their foremothers' revolutionary enterprises. But Suzanne Westenhoefer is just the act to draw them in.

While Williamson and Fure are well known to have yet to experience their two distinct voices blended in such compelling harmony. On Dec. 11, the audience will have a chance to hear them perform songs from their first duo album, *Postcards from Paradise,* move the spirit to new musical reaches. Still, Westenhoefer is a new face on the scene, so ... allow me to introduce you.

Westenhoefer knows that she is a beneficiary of the groundwork laid by the women's cultural movement in the United States, which Olivia has been instrumental in shaping.

Speaking with her briefly from her home in Columbus, Ohio, I asked Suzanne how she felt about sharing the stage with Cris. Her response was a resounding, "Incredible!" She explains, "I'm the biggest Cris Williamson fan that ever lived. I came out with her music 12 years ago when I was in college in northwestern Pennsylvania. I mean there was Cris and Meg (Christensen) and Margie (Adams) and Holly (Near). Meg and Margie just disappeared and then Holly started sleeping with men again and ... there was just Cris!"

Since Judy Dlugasz (who, as director, is in many ways the pulse of Olivia) took on managing Suzanne's career, Westenhoefer has looked forward to the opportunity to perform with Cris.

**Suzanne Westenhoefer: lesbian comic extraordinaire by night, sex education teacher by day.**

She says that for her, it is symbolic of a kind of "coming full circle," a kind of "payback" for making her career possible, even though their careers are "like apples and oranges" in terms of style and substance.

The fact that Westenhoefer is being received in mainstream clubs and invited to appear on daytime television shows like "Sally Jessey Raphael" is a testament to that groundwork. Still, it's not a legacy that 32-year-old Westenhoefer is content to rest on.

Westenhoefer is a comic by night, and by day she is exercising her ability to win over the most challenging audiences, teaching the homosexuality unit of a progressive sex education program for high school students.

In an effort to demystify and destigmatize homosexuality, Westenhoefer initiates direct discussion about the students' beliefs about homosexuality, sometimes drawing on material from her one-woman act, "Nothing in My Closet But My Clothes." During *both* stand-up routines, for example, she questions, "Why do straight people always think we're going to kill them or harm them?"

Both in the classroom and in performance she embraces her audience as knowing confidantes in order to endear as well as educate. Both in the classroom and in performance, Westenhoefer is blunt and unapologetic, a welcome change from the self-deprecating humor that women comedians have served up in the recent past.

The *New York Times* hated that Westenhoefer "(came to school) looking like the quintessential American cheerleader," and, by implication, suggested that it was her appearance which gave her bonus points with the high schoolers, thus enabling her to do the educational work. Even *Glamour* magazine is doing a spread on Westenhoefer in their March issue, leading one to believe that she is Ms. Ultra-Femme.

Still, when I saw her on video, only her makeup and wavy blonde tresses looked femme to me, and, overall, I thought her finesse with teen youth probably had more to do with her candidness. My lesbian eyes saw a gorgeous strong femmebutch. It could have been her confident delivery, or her outspoken commentary on S/M, or her assertion that working in a straight bar for 11 years was proof of her liberal disposition, I'm not sure ... but femme wasn't my first impression. You'll have to go to the Olivia concert on Dec. 11 and see not only Suzanne Westenhoefer, but also the dynamic of Cris Williamson and Tret Fure making music together, to decide for yourself. ✿

*The Olivia Concert will be held Dec. 11, 8 pm at Zellerbach Auditorium (on the UC Berkeley campus). Tickets are $35 for preferred seating; $23 orchestra; $20 mezzanine; $18 balcony. For reservations, call Olivia at (510) 655-0364.*


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# SF Opera Season Finale

In a campy production of *I Puritani* imported from the Welsh National Opera, Bay Area operaphiles were treated this past couple weeks to yet another typical biennial installment of Bellini at the SF Opera. As was the case with his *Capulletti i Montecchi* from a couple seasons ago, and Donizetti's *La Fille du Regiment* earlier this season, the SF Opera tends to give up too easily on bel-canto operas, resigning to the submission that, indeed, these works are solely intended to be the traditional star diva vehicles they have come to be regarded as, and there is simply no need to even attempt to make them dramatically redeemable. Granted, these works are often filled with charming show pieces and frivolous applause traps of mass appeal, and historically, they have indeed been used to further the careers of capricious divas.

Yet, as those Callas recordings (for those of us who unfortunately were born too late to hear her live) clearly attest, there is substantial salvageable dramatic excitement to be brought forth from operas such as *I Puritani*, at least in parts. While the young (he died at age 33) Vincenzo Bellini's art hasn't been entirely redeemed in respect (musicologist Joseph Kerman refers to him as having a "very, very faint muse"), there is in fact an ever-increasing tendency in contemporary

**Soprano June Anderson is Elvira in "I Puritani"**
Photo by Larry Merkle.

musicology and recent writings about opera to reverse the century-old trend of Italian bel-canto bashing, despite all the implausible dramatic elements and other frilly trimmings one finds in the genre.

Certainly, Bellini finds no redeemers in San Francisco this season. In a gross miscalculation of dramatic concept, someone forgot about the "*seria*" part in this opera *seria*, and what was left could have been turned into a worthy pairing to a double-bill with *La Cage aux Folles*. Setting myself to the frame of mind of the latter, I found, was the only way I could bring my ears to enjoy whatever efforts were being carried out on stage. Maurizio Arena conducted a cast led by tenor Gregory Kunde as Lord Arturo and none other than June Anderson as Elvira. In the extended mad scenes, rather than creating an abstraction of a tortured and pathetically demented woman, Anderson's Elvira reminded me of the campy Mad Martha character from Gilbert and Sullivan's *Ruddigore*, and she was even more comic. Even if she missed the characterization of the role by a mile or two, vocally the American diva is astoundingly adept at the demands of bel canto pyrotechnics (she sings endless coloratura roulades, and leaps up to securely placed high D's and E's above high-C several times) in the score. I just fail to see why she's been insisting on doing repertoire which is vocally unfit for her (like her downright embarassing rendition of Strauss' *Four Last Songs* a couple of seasons ago at the Symphony) when she can produce such luxuriant bel canto singing.

In the role of Lord Arturo, tenor Gregory Kunde's much anticipated high F (above high C) was somewhat anti-climactic, sounding more like a pushed falsetto rather than a legitimately produced note. Nevertheless, Kunde made a valiant effort to bring some semblance of purpose to his role, but the spineless concept and artistic direction in this *Puritani* had doomed this production from the very beginning. As if the whole thing hadn't been enough of a folly, director Jonathan Eaton saved a moronic pre-pubescent prank for the audience at the very end (it's not even worth a description), by changing the standard happy end without warning. There are three more performances of this disaster left (Dec. 3, 7 and 10), and I would only recommend it to those who are hardcore June Anderson fans.

Mercifully, Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades* was treated with infinitely more integrity, as a fitting conclusion to the SF Opera season. The remaining performances also represent Leonie Rysanek's local operatic stage farewell, as one of the most enduring sopranos of this century. With a major international career that spans more than four decades (she sang Sieglinde at the first postwar Bayreuth Festival in 1951) and a multigenerational following of diva buffs, Rysanek is possibly the only surviving link operaphiles currently have with the golden age of Maria Callas. Singing the title role in this production, it is self-evident how Rysanek's intelligent choice of roles was key to the longevity of her artistry. She is certainly aware of the gifts as well as the limitations age will place upon a soprano's voice. While lacking somewhat the energized vibrancy of a youthful voice, her timbre has become more inward seeking, more human and revealing, which, combined with her stage experience, creates singular qualities to the role of the Countess which are hers alone.

Former SF Symphony director Edo de Waart presided over the sweeping reading of Tchaikovsky's score, with a cast that also included soprano Maria Guleghina (last year's Tosca) as Lisa, tenor Vladimir Atlantov as Gherman, and baritone Vladimir Redkin as Prince Yeletsky. Based on yet another Pushkinian drama, *Queen of Spades* has some of Tchaikovsky's most far-seeking, dynamic music, and is possibly his most articulate attempt in creating alternate musical worlds, by "perverting" established conventions (such as Mozartean idioms) as the plot thickens with fantastic elements and progresses into the fringes of surrealism. As with most Russian dramas, the plot is complex and tortuous, with murders, suicides, betrayals, ghosts and vendettas.

Last seen at the War Memorial in 1987, the restaging of this production provides that unmistakable feeling of grand opera, with ample visual spectacles, in massive sets, chandelier-decorated ballrooms, choreographed ballet scenes and elaborate costumes. To match all that gear, Maria Guleghina has improved her acting a great deal since her static portrayal of Tosca last season, and of course, her singing sounds a lot more idiomatic in her native Russian language. Unusually, in my case, the most satisfying voice to my ears was the wicked characterization of Gherman by Vladimir Atlantov. His is a deliciously "ugly" and angular dramatic tenor (creepingly appropriate for tenor roles in Russian opera) which easily fills the house with hair-raising potency, bringing a perverse sadism to his role. If you decide to see *Queen of Spades*, make no mistake, this is no *Nutcracker Suite*. There are several performances of *Queen of Spades* left: Dec. 4, 8 and 12, when curtain falls on this vocally strong but dramatically uneven season. Call the Opera at 864-3330 for tix and info. ✿

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**Georgette thought she was cheap, until she met Babs. Jennifer Fitch and Laurie Bushman (L-R) in "The Well of Horniness."** Photo by Steve Savage.

# The Well of Horniness

Fans of those dark-hued detective films of the '40s will revel in Holly Hughes' *The Well of Horniness*, the all-lesbian who dunit at the Rhino Studio. Having nothing whatsoever to do with the Radclyffe Hall shocker-for-its-time, *The Well of Loneliness*, this radio noir drama is narrated by Janis Cosor with a deliciously deadpan delivery that massages every nuance of sardonic wit from the wordplay of Hughes' 1983 deconstruction of tough-guy detective novels.

Pretty Vicki (blond-wigged Corey Stieb), "a girl with a lot of luck, all of it bad," is married to Rod (Jana Barber), a moustached, polyester-suited shag-carpet salesman. When Rod introduces Vicki to his sister Georgette (blond-wigged Laurie Bushman), the women recognize each other as former Tri-Delta-Tribad lesbian sorority sisters, and it's love at first lust. Violins soar. The surf crashes. The earth moves. Vicki promptly knocks her fork under the dinner table and dives under the tablecloth to service Georgette. Both women repair to the offstage powder room and moments later we hear a gunshot.

Georgette is dead. Vicki is missing. Horny hat-check girl, Babs (Jennifer Fitch), who has just been rejected by Georgette, slinks off into the night. Slouch-hatted private investigator Garnet McClit (Mimi Freed) sets out on Vicki's trail. But is she the killer ... or in hiding from the real killer? Has she been kidnapped? Is she the victim of amnesia? We pause for a singing commercial for Rod's Carpet Emporium.

Those familiar with the genre of detective-film parodies know that tying up convoluted plot threads is less important than the star turns of the performers, so if Hughes' denouement remains perplexing, it's no matter. With such lezzie high-camp lines as, "Are you sitting in a puddle or are you just glad to see me?" solving the mystery is of secondary importance.

The performances are ripe burlesque, the music is lifted bodily from well-remembered TV themes, the sight gags are corny, and the narrator's script is flagrant with puns, double-entendres, and pretentious literary exposition. Cosor is to be commended for managing a straight face throughout. Luscious Jennifer Fitch, in a variety of bump-and-grind disguises, is a particular joy.

Not a great drama by a long shot, the production misfires occasionally, but at least it's not a pretentious bore. It's just good dirty fun. Arturo Catricala directs.

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**"Always...Patsy Cline"—the new smash musical stars Joni Morris as Patsy & Louise Seger as her friend.** Photo by David Allen.

# Always ... Patsy Cline

Conceived and directed by Ted Swindley, the local production of *Always ... Patsy Cline* is a remounting of the Columbia Actors' Repertory version that had an extended run at Columbia State Park. It features country singer Joni Morris in the title role, and Livia Genise as the rambunctious narrator, Louise Seger.

Backed by the five-piece Full Circle Band, Morris sings more than 20 Patsy Cline classics. She not only gives impressive attention to the country star's vocal style and lyric interpretation, she bears a striking resemblance to the late singer. (Returning from a benefit performance in Kansas City, Cline died at age 31 in 1963 when her chartered plane crashed into a Tennessee mountain.)

The concept of the production, a peculiar bastardization of concert and comedy/drama, is framed within a running commentary by Louise Seger (Genise), who was a brief acquaintance, devoted fan, and longtime pen pal of Cline.

Seger first met Cline in a Texas honky-tonk when the singer arrived early and alone for a one-night gig. After the show, Seger took Cline back to her place for scrambled eggs and some all-night girl talk about their kids and philandering husbands. In the morning, Patsy departed and the two women began a long-term correspondence.

In her bouffant red wig, Genise narrowly avoids caricature as the flamboyant, pushy, tough-talking Texas divorcee who equated Cline's story with her own. Happily however, Morris strolls on stage every few minutes to recreate Patsy Cline's magic with her touching renditions of "I

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**Robert Coffman reads Truman Capote**

# The Thanksgiving Visitor

Robert Coffman, one of the most impressive talents in Theatre Rhino's stable of actors, has been presenting solo evenings of Truman Capote's stories for the past decade. As a benefit for Theatre Rhino, Coffman again initiated the season with a reading of "The Thanksgiving Visitor," a companion piece to "A Christmas Story," which he will present next week.

The actor's reading of Capote's autobiographical Thanksgiving story was a polished gem of the craft of storytelling. Reflecting the author's sentiment, sly wit, and fitful petulance, Coffman's voice rose and fell in gentle cadences as he spoke the dialogue of young Capote and his champion and closest friend, Cousin Sook. Sweet-natured Sook was one of three elderly maiden relatives who reared Capote after his mother departed their Alabama hamlet for city lights and life. Love, jealousy, revenge and forgiveness worked their magic in this tale that pitted the school bully against his sensitive "victim" at the Thanksgiving table.

A floor lamp with an elegantly fringed shade, a high-backed kitchen chair and a Victorian side table with a vase of mums created the perfect setting for this poignant recollection of the bonding of two social misfits.

Young Truman and Cousin Sook will also be the featured characters in "A Christmas Memory," which Coffman reads as the second of his holiday benefits for Theatre Rhino on Monday, Dec. 6 at 8 pm. (Filmed several years ago for TV, the Christmas story featured the late Geraldine Page and is undoubtedly scheduled for reprise this season.) Both are highly recommended. To reserve for Coffman's reading, call 861-5079. ✿


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Perhaps over-directed here, Genise is a fine actor and singer in her own right. (She won the Bay Area Critics Circle Award as outstanding actress for her performance in TheatreWorks' production of *Rags.*)

*Always ... Patsy Cline* is a bright and sassy musical tribute to a country superstar. It continues an open-ended run at the Mason Street Theatre. Call 982-5463.

**Joe Sears (left) as Bertha Bumiller and Jason Williams as Vera Carp are determined to nab anyone caught singing about "round young virgins" in "A Tuna Christmas."**

# A Tuna Christmas

It's Christmas Eve in Tuna, Texas, and my favorite inhabitants of that third-smallest town in Texas have come back to celebrate the holiday onstage at the Marines Memorial Theatre.

Well, it's not exactly a *celebration,* what with one crisis after another unfolding as a series of Christmas trees glide on and off to segue from Bertha Bumiller's kitchen to Didi Snavely's weapons store to Vera Carp's boudoir. It is, nevertheless, a howler.

In what may well be a miracle for *all* seasons, all 22 of Tuna's wacky townsfolk are played by Jaston Williams and Joe Sears. (Both actors, along with Ed Howard, wrote this sequel, as well as the original, *Greater Tuna,* which has played to a nationwide Tuna cult since 1982.)

*A Tuna Christmas* opens with Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie's morning farm report from the town's 275-watt radio station OKKK. Didi Snavely, proprietor of the used-weapons emporium, makes an appearance with a live pitch for a handgun in every home. "Wouldn't you rather shoot someone than watch him run off with your toaster?" They also announce this year's production of *A Christmas Carol* (a safe bet after the previous debacle, an all-white version of *A Raisin in the Sun*) and warn that the Christmas Phantom is once again playing havoc with the top contenders in the Christmas yard displays.

Green pants-suited Bertha Bumiller, one of drama's most endearing and put-upon mothers, is still trying to get a decent breakfast into teenagers Jody (whose penchant for dragging home stray animals is out of control), Charlene (who has formed a one-sided alliance with the hypoglycemic "sissy" play director, Joe Bob Lipsey) and Stanley (on probation and looking for a one-way ticket out of town).

Town socialite Vera Carp, head of the local chapter of "Smut-Snatchers" is busy expurgating offensive phrases ("round young virgins") from Christmas carols and whinnying household commands to her Mexican maid, "Loopey." Aunt Pearl Burras is up to her old tricks, massacring blue jays with a slingshot. (You'll remember that in the original *Tuna,* this dyspeptic matron drove over her husband's prize bird dog *twice,* just to make sure.)

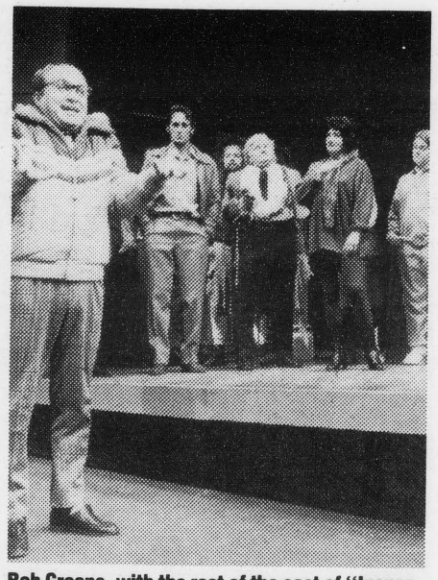
The SPCA's Petey Fisk is on hand to beg people not to give pets for Christmas because he'll just end up with them within a week. His bandaged arm and Band-Aided nose are evidence of his pre-season altercations with a sheep-stampeding coyote that has been dumped in his care.

New to *this* Tuna version is Dixie Deberry, head of the local electric company, who swears she'll pull the light switch on the Christmas play unless they pay their bill. (One unpaid bill, she cautions, can lead to total anarchy and a surge of Communists from across the Rio Grande.) Also two delightful new additions to the cast are the saucy, on-the-make waitresses from the Tasty Kreme Cafe.

There's no letup in this affectionate expose of small-town life in Texas. Kudos to the writers, the actors and to Linda Fisher for her seemingly hundreds of quick-change costumes and wigs. Set-designer Loren Sherman's Christmas trees are marvels of execrable taste—from minimally decorated, bulb-exploding evergreen station OKKK's, to Bertha's (icicle-mangled and lovingly hung with the license plate Stanley made in the reformatory) to the Tasty Kreme Cafe's (a pastel assembly of tumbleweeds) to Didi's (gaily festooned with handcuffs, a pistol and hand grenades), all the way to Vera Carp's (a 16-foot display of all that money can buy).

But it's Christmas Eve, and after some spiked punch at the OKKK party, Bertha manages to let down her defenses ("I don't dance, I'm a Baptist") with a slow waltz. Yes, the Christmas Phantom is unmasked, but you'll have to make that discovery for yourself. And for one shining moment, all's well in Tuna, Texas.

One of the joys of this or any other season, *A Tuna Christmas* continues at the Marines Memorial through Dec. 11. Call 771-6900 or any BASS outlet.



**Bob Greene, with the rest of the cast of "Inspecting Carol."** Photo by Joseph Greco

# Inspecting Carol

I don't know who said it, but here is one of my favorite rules to live by: *Nobody ever built a statue to memorialize a committee.* Apparently author Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Theatre chose to ignore this dictum when they put together *Inspecting Carol,* the holiday send-up currently on the boards at the Marin Theatre Company.

While I was considerably bored by an over-long first act that set up the play's premise and then kept on setting it up, I must admit I laughed uproariously during the second act.

The concept offers ample opportunity for delicious satirical bite, but the execution flounders. The play-within-a-play has to do with a broken-down Midwestern repertory company that is rehearsing a production of *A Christmas Carol.* An NEA grant has been applied for and an on-site inspector is due at any moment to render judgment. A fledgling actor (Bob Greene) bumbles into the rehearsal, where he is mistaken for the NEA inspector. While any self-respecting real-life director would spot the actor's incompetence in a moment, director Zorah Bloch (Sharon Lockwood) accords him the divine rights usually reserved for the lord of the land. Feeling his oats and glowing with authority, the theater neophyte rewrites the script, awards himself a juicy role, and sets about creating havoc with the Dickens classic.

Actor Larry Vauxhall (Will Marchetti), whose wife has left him (probably for good reason) is the tantrum-throwing Scrooge. Darold Ross, the unfortunate company's nod to political correctness, is cast as the various ghosts but is always encumbered with sufficient costuming to disguise the fact that he is Black. Len Lawson and Kitty Newman are a couple of misplaced Shakespearean actors in the company, and C. R. Jessup is the overgrown Tiny Tim who is too heavy to ride on Bob Crachit's (Don Bilotti) shoulders. Sophie Maletsky is the stage manager as well as the only voice of sanity in the beleagured production. Mary Gibboney is the late-arriving, real NEA inspector. I cannot reveal her ultimate reaction when the opening night performance collapses—literally—in her lap.

When the slapstick gets rolling, it's funny. But that first act—with cute bits such as having one actor pick up a candy and bite into it without realizing it's another actor's suppository—is a fine example of what happens when a committee writes a play.

Will Huddleston directed some competent-to-fine actors, though I had a sneaking suspicion that they too, like the corps of writers, were adding flagrant bits of their own in an attempt to woo laughs.

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# Showcasing Asian/Pacific Islander Talent: The ExtravaGAPA Experience

*by Tommi Avicolli Mecca*

To showcase the wide variety of Bay Area gay Asian/Pacific Islander talent is the stated purpose of ExtravaGAPA 2, sponsored by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA). It's a two-hour variety show-type theater experience that graces the stage of the new Center for the Arts Theater at Yerba Buena Gardens on Dec. 12 at 7 pm.

Artistic Director Voltaire Gungab says that the event, subtitled "Cultural Images," will be "on a more professional level than a talent show." The founder of the GAPA Dance Company, which will perform two numbers at the show, Gungab says that the performance is a benefit for GAPA.

Gungab, who joined GAPA in 1990 to start its dance company, feels that there is "so much talent in GAPA." But being Asian/Pacific Islander, that talent doesn't always have access to the mainstream arts world.

"If GAPA doesn't do it for Asians and Pacific Islanders, no one else will," says Gungab.

Gungab's dance company premiered at the first ExtravaGAPA three years ago, and has since played a full-length show at San Francisco State. It also received a 1992 Cable Car Award (San Francisco's queer Emmys) for Outstanding Dance Group.

In April, 1994, the dance company is scheduled to perform with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus in its spring concert, "Origins".

With a masters in Theater Arts from Northwestern University and training from a national folkloric dance repertoire company in the Philippines, Gungab is retired from the world of performing, so you won't see him in the Dec. 12 extravaganza. "After a while you don't wanna do that anymore," he says. Gungab has the more prestigious titles of producer and artistic director.

But about other 50 performers are involved with ExtravaGAPA 2, including the 18-member GAPA Men's Chorus, the dance company, musicians, hula dancers and others.

Among the highlights of the performance are a five-minute scene from a Chinese opera with two men in the roles. Says Gungab, "It's a popular Cantonese opera given a gay twist."

Two dance numbers are included in the show from Gungab's GAPA Dance Company: "Genesis" and "In Our Genes."

Choreographed by Terence Stark, Genesis uses traditional Javanese classical and folk dance movements to tell the creation myth with masks and puppets. It also utilizes the Javanese folk tradition of jatilan, or trance dances.

Stark is the featured soloist in "Genesis," and will perform the part of the Supreme Creator, surrounded by costumed Guardians of the Four Directions and puppeteers.

"In Our Genes," a contemporary piece with strong jazz elements, will be performed by seven dancers to excerpts from Jon Jang's Concerto for Jazz Ensemble and Taiko. Jang, a well-known Asian-American jazz musician from the Bay Area, is influenced by Asian, Western and African musical styles. The piece is choreographed by Arturo Fernandez, a leading dancer and choreographer in the Bay Area.

A co-founder of the dance group Juntos, Fernandez currently teaches ballet at the San Francisco Institute of Choreography and is the Ballet Master of Lines Contemporary Ballet. He choreographed a dance interlude for the GAPA Annual Banquet last January.

The GAPA Men's Chorus, directed by Randy Kikukawa, will perform songs from its multilingual repertoire. Its performance will spotlight Gene Flores, Mr. GAPA 1992, as guest soloist. Kikukawa performs with, and is the Board President of, the San Francisco Golden Gate Men's Chorus.

The show's climax is the premiere of *Miss Drag-on*, a short musical presented in collaboration with the Asian AIDS Project. Gungab describes *Miss Drag-on* as "a *Miss Saigon* takeoff, a jab at *Miss Saigon*."

*Miss Saigon*, a *Madame Butterfly* takeoff set in contemporary Vietnam that hit the Big Apple's "Great White Way" a few years ago, was heavily protested by the Asian-American community for its negative depictions of Southeast Asians.

Written by a team of writers from the Asian AIDS Project, Gungab says that *Miss Drag-on* has actors "lip-synching to records."

Other highlights of the evening include a dramatic reading of a piece written by Dio Gica, and a hula performance in the ancient style.

The first ExtravaGAPA, which was nominated for a Cable Car Award, was presented in 1990 at Cowell Theater. It marked the beginning of GAPA's participation in the city's performing arts community. The name, "ExtravaGAPA," was the brainchild, Gungab says, of Dean LaCerna, the former cultural chair of GAPA.

Can the Bay Area look forward to an annual ExtravaGAPA? Unfortunately, Gungab says it can't. "It's very hard to get together every year," he says. "Sooner or later you run out of ideas. When we did the first one we weren't thinking of doing something every year of this magnitude."

Though large ExtravaGAPA-type shows are not an annual event, GAPA often sponsors cultural events to highlight talent from the Asian/Pacific Islander community.

Founded in 1988, GAPA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the interests of gay Asian/Pacific Islanders through a broad range of activities.

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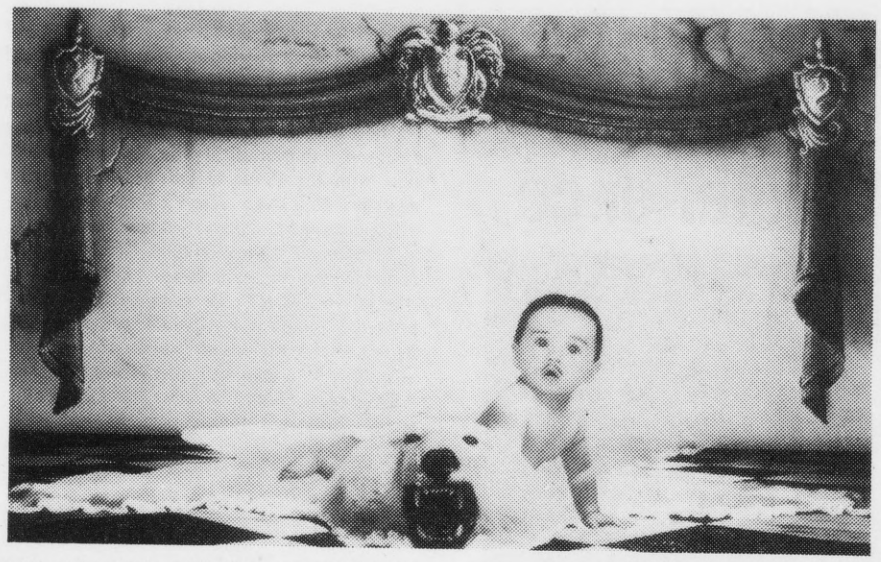
# Addams Family Values



I realize that this is probably an eccentric viewpoint. But in my humble opinion, given a choice between (A) a movie that's mostly sight gags and one-liners with virtually no plot, and (B) a movie that's mostly sight gags and one-liners, with a plot that's pretty formulaic, is not very funny in itself, and takes up space that could have been filled with sight gags and one-liners, I'll pick the no-plotter anytime.

I loved the first *Addams Family* movie. Adored it. I thought it was sexy and subversive and hysterically funny. I saw it three times and laughed almost as hard the third time as I did the first. So what if it didn't have a plot? Some of my favorite funny movies don't have plots. *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* doesn't have much of a plot. *Airplane!* has an incredibly threadbare plot. The Marx Brothers movies hardly have any plots at all. If sight gags and one-liners were good enough for the Marx Brothers, then they're good enough for me.

And I enjoyed *Addams Family Values*. It was a pretty funny movie, and I liked it just fine. But that's about it. I didn't adore it, I didn't find it hysterical (although I did find it reasonably amusing), and while I would certainly recommend that you see it once, I probably wouldn't go back to see it again. And much of the reason I liked it rather than loved it was—you guessed it—the plot.

Here's the story. Gomez (Raul Julia) and Morticia (Anjelica Huston) have a new baby. They hire a nanny, Debbie (Joan Cusack), who connives to marry Uncle Fester (Christopher Lloyd) so she can get his money and do him in. In the meantime, Debbie gets Wednesday (Christina Ricci) and Pugsley (Jimmy Workman) shipped off to summer camp to keep them from getting in the way of her nefarious schemes.

Big fucking deal. Is this really a better or more substantial plot than the one about the Uncle Fester impersonator and his conniving mother trying to get at the Addams estate? It strikes me as being pretty generic; in fact, it resembles the plot of *The Beverly Hillbillies* much too closely for comfort. If "more plot" means "more time telling the story and less time telling jokes," then the sequel does indeed have more plot than the original—but why is this supposed to be a good thing?

I'm sorry. I'll get off my hobbyhorse now, and tell you about the movie.

The best thing about *Addams Family Values*, by about a billion miles, is Christina Ricci as Wednesday. She has much more screen time than she did in *The Addams Family*, and a damn good thing, too. In the original, she threatened to steal the show; in the sequel, she not only steals the show, she plunders it, ravages it, and rampages through the town waving the spoils triumphantly above her head. She is, quite simply, a hysterically funny comic actress. I pray that she doesn't succumb to the dreaded Child Actor Syndrome; if she can avoid that, she'll have quite a career ahead of her. The summer camp scenes are by far the best scenes in the movie, largely because she's in them. I look forward to the day when Ricci turns 18. She is a goddess, and Wednesday is my new role model in life.

As for the rest ... well, there's a lot of good sight gags and one-liners (although not enough for my taste), a little too much slapstick, a lot too much of the baby, too much Debbie (another goddamn conniving female villain—this is getting real tiresome, folks) and not enough Morticia and Gomez.

It's twisted, kinky, sexy and subversive, but not as much as the original was, and the kinkiness, etc., is all a bit self-conscious. In the first movie, the subversive message—namely, that a genuinely happy and supportive family in America would probably look like a bunch of demented freaks to the outside world—was implicit in the characters and their relationships, and didn't have to be spelled out in two-foot-tall neon letters. It seems that the screenwriter (Paul Rudnick, author of the recent queer hit play *Jeffrey*) was trying as hard as he could to get that message into the sequel; as a result, the message is just a bit too strained and obvious. As my high school drama teacher used to say, "You don't have to tell us, just show us."

But don't not see it on that account. *Addams Family Values* may not be the under-appreciated work of genius that I think *The Addams Family* was, but it's still a pretty gosh-darned entertaining night at the movies.

### THE TRASH BIN

**Ruby in Paradise:** I want to be Ashley Judd's love slave. That's pretty much what I have to say about this movie. *Ruby in Paradise* is a good film, with a lot of likable things about it. It's slow-paced and thoughtful without being dull or depressing. It lingers where other movies would jump frantically to the next shot. And it shows a world that movies don't show very often—the real world, the world where people work long hours at hard jobs, the world of bringing home groceries and making fun of the television and hearing your next-door neighbors fight. The world, as Ruby puts it, of giving up "five days of one thing for two of something else." But most of what was good about this movie was that it had Ashley Judd in it. Yum. Oh, my. I haven't fallen in love with a face this fast since the first time I saw Genevieve Bujold. Yes, Ms. Judd is related to the Famous Singing Judd Family, if you care about that sort of thing.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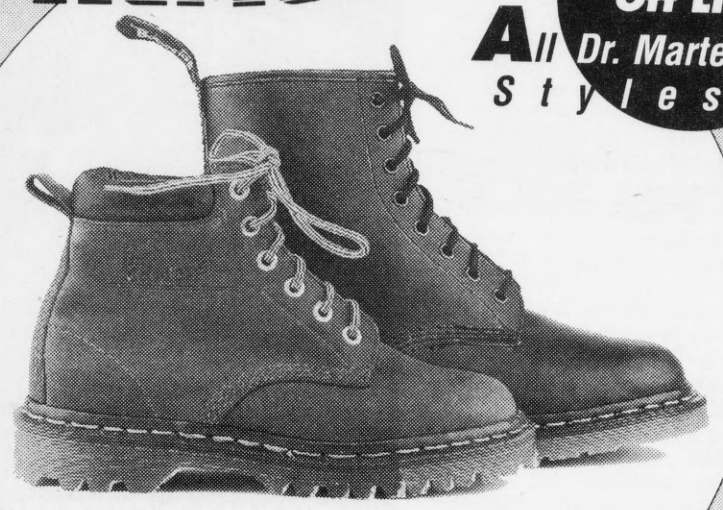

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**Mrs. Doubtfire:** A two-hour public service announcement for traditional family values, cleverly disguised as a sensitive heartwarming comedy. Robin Williams plays Daniel Hillard, a wacky-but-loving dad whose humorless shrike of an ex-wife (Sally Field) is trying to take his kids away from him. Dad's sensible and eminently believable response is to dress up as a little old lady and manipulate his way into a job as the kids' nanny. The script is chock full of little gems like, "A flawed husband is better than none at all," and, "Gee, honey, when you get away from work, you're great." Yeah, she's trying to feed your three kids, asshole. I am sick, sick, sick to death of seeing successful, hardworking businesswomen portrayed as villains. It's happening a lot lately; they've almost surpassed ruthless corporate greedheads in the Tournament of Movie Bad Guys. It's offensive and insulting, and it's getting me seriously pissed off. Most of the movie's humor is fairly predictable comedy-of-errors stuff, with a few good laughs and a lot of rubber-breast jokes, all of which is overwhelmed by nauseatingly sweet sentiment. Robin Williams does his usual shtick; if you like his other stuff, you'll probably like him OK in this. It does get brownie points for showing positive, funny-but-not-the-butt-of-the-joke gay characters. Best part: Harvey Fierstein as Frank, Daniel's fag brother and make-up artiste extraordinaire.

**A Perfect World:** When I told my friend Marian that I was going to see this film, her comment was, "I hear Kevin Costner plays a bad guy. Maybe he won't be wooden and self-righteous like he always is." Well, guess what? Even as a bad guy, Costner is as wooden and self-righteous as he always is. Kind of comforting, in a way. What we have here is a showdown between the two great one-note actors of our time. Kevin Costner and Clint Eastwood take a marginally clever idea—an 8-year-old boy is kidnapped from his Jehovah's Witness mom and taken on a joyride by a smart, fun-loving crook—and turn it into the Great American Doze-Off. I'd have to give this round to Costner: Eastwood is more one-dimensional, but Costner is on screen more, so you get bored with him quicker.

**The Nutcracker:** WARNING: Powerful emetic. Before attending this movie, please consult your doctor. One of the worst-filmed dance movies I've ever seen: the camerawork completely distracts from the dance, swooping in and out, closing in on faces and ignoring the bodies. Macaulay Culkin as the Nutcracker Prince is smug, pouty, stiff, smirking, self-satisfied, graceless, and couldn't dance his way out of a wet paper bag if you gave him a chainsaw. The film might have been tolerable if his part had gone to someone with a bit more panache and physical poise. Rodney Dangerfield, say.

**Correction:** In my last column, I referred to Ada, the main character in *The Piano*, as an Englishwoman. It has come to my attention that, in fact, the character was Scottish. I apologize for the error. No proper insult was intended, either to the English or the Scots. ✿


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# Off His Leash: An Interview with John Preston

by Shar

In a town where dykes can be daddies, fags can be bears and anything—as long as it's shaved and on a leash—can be a boy, it's no wonder I fell over my pen to interview John Preston when he came to San Francisco last month.

Preston began his writing career with *Mr. Benson,* which established him as an icon in the underground world of S/M in the '70s. Today he continues writing fiction and being an icon. As an editor, he has put together award-winning anthologies, wielding a command over the genre of gay male literature that's putting even the major publishing houses on their knees. Finally, keep an eye out for his essays—they deliver insightful thoughts with wit and charm, yet an insistent edge puts the meaning back into the phrase "thought-provoking."

*First of all, let's start out with what is going on for you after* Flesh and the Word 2.

Next month Richard Kasak is publishing *My Life as a Pornographer and Other Indecent Acts,* which is a collection of my speeches and essays. And then I am finishing up three anthologies, which will be published over the next year-and-a-half, I'm not quite sure how. *Sister and Brother,* which I'm doing with Joan Nestle, is lesbians and gay men writing about each other; *Friends and Lovers,* which is gay men writing about the families they create for themselves; and *Flesh and the Word 3.*

*Cool!*

Then I'm doing a collection of my very literary essays called *Winter's Light.* It's being published next fall.

*Okay, so you don't sleep at all then?*

See, I don't do anything else. Almost every other writer at least teaches. I don't do anything else but write. It makes me an unutterably happy person. I'm living precisely the life I want to be living. Also, I think it's important that I'm a bachelor and live alone by choice. I wish I were a bit more famous so more boys would spread their legs for me, but then, of course, I want them to spread their legs in some fairly dramatic, melodramatic and theatrical ways. So I don't get laid enough, but I don't lose sleep over it.

Because I have AIDS I'm sure I have some dynamic of hurrying, but that's so abstract I can't find it on a conscious level.

The essays give me the greatest pleasure. I want to do a full autobiography, a memoir. *A Winter's Light,* which is all autobiographical essays, may in fact fill my personal need to write this stuff. I don't know, I may still have the memoir to do but we'll see.

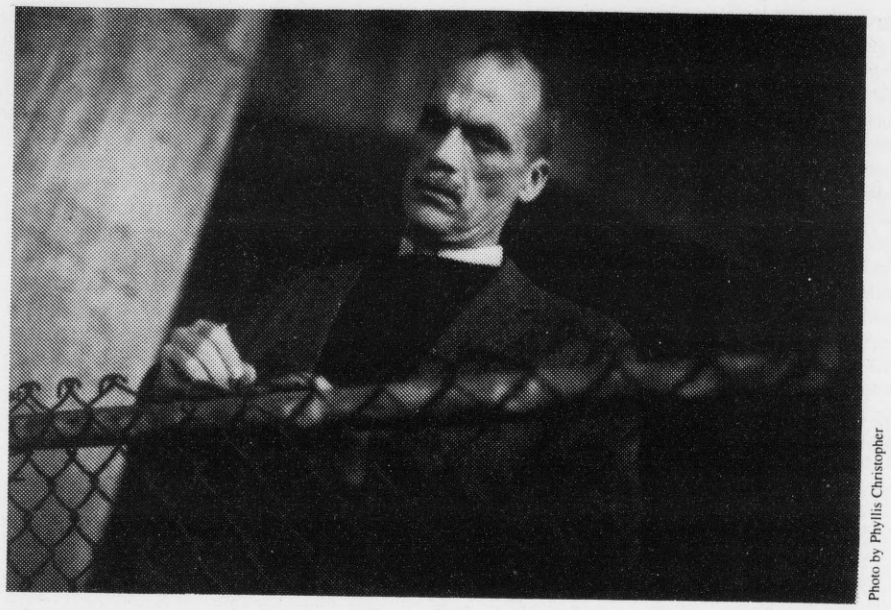
*Well, God! I'm so warped from living in San Francisco. I live with men who don't even know what it's like not to have safe sex except for a few encounters when they were young. When we moved out here we started calling our house, "The Den of Perpetual Indulgence" because we indulged ourselves in whatever overconsumption we wanted within the physical limits that are the '90s. It was our sex extreme that made us alike.*

I think that's very much of your generation. That is precisely what I mean when I talk about queer sex.

*What's going on in middle America? Is that just here? What's going on, you tell me.*

There are two different issues here. Let me separate them. I believe strongly about the geographical issue, okay. People are desperately unimaginative, so we automatically take over someone else's vocabulary in the same way we took over the 12-step, pop psychology vocabulary. So we suddenly have the vocabulary of 12-steps applied all over the place and this incredible process of developing politics of victimization, which is appalling to me in many ways. The thing is, I think it's fabulous that many, many people went to Washington and wore leather, wore collars, wore drag, all of the above, whatever they wanted to do. But then I turned around and groups of them in the most bourgeois, boring way were using civil rights vocabulary to say that they were oppressed as leather people and that they expected the government to redress their grievances. I thought somebody's got a screw loose! I don't know what they're doing!

The second thing, which is very intriguing, is that our ghettos, certainly San Francisco is one of them, New York, West Hollywood, Provincetown, Fire Island, Key West … share some intriguing things. And I think it's the big cities, not the resorts, where gay and lesbian people lose touch when they're at the cutting edge of the gay world and when they're an aberration of the gay world, and those two are not necessarily the same thing. So, I'm always astounded when I come to SF and people I know say to me, and believe it, that "every gay man in America wants to live here." Having lived in Portland, Maine, for nearly 15 years I have to say, "No they don't. They really don't. Not only don't want to live there, they want *not* to live there."



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The best story I have is of Michael Lowenthal, who is a young writer in New Hampshire, very out, very queer, he's in *Flesh and the Word* 2. He came to SF for the first time about a year ago, and went to the Castro. When he walked into the Castro for the first time in his life and saw the marquee of the movie theater, he said, "Oh yeah, this is where Tom Brokaw…"

*No way!*

"This is Tom Brokaw's backdrop anytime they do a gay story." Plus, in New England we have all these historic villages where actors are hired to dress and live in the style of the historic period and that's who he thought the gay men of the Castro were. He couldn't take them seriously; they were actors in an adult theme park. I think that's what a lot of folks in middle America think of the ghettos. They are adult theme parks. So, he came back and said, "You know, I couldn't take any of them seriously."

*That's hysterical.*

I love the idea of the men in the Castro being paid actors.

*When people say, "Well, why do they have to flaunt it when they walk?" I have to admit that when I first vacationed here, part of me thought, "Oh, you guys are being so outrageous," but then I worked in the Castro. I was there every day and you learn lessons.*

Well, most of those men aren't flaunting it at all. They've simply moved to a place where it wouldn't be flaunting it.

*That's why I moved here. I was a hard-core femme who would stop the entire town of Indianapolis with a flick of my nail and had a horrible chip on my shoulder. Here, I was able to relax.*

I think that what you're describing in many ways is something we should pay more attention to, and I know it's paternalistic but I think of the ghettos as finishing schools where we should send off our young gay boys and lesbians so they can learn how to do it right and then they can come home.

*There's nothing like having limits—I just can't even imagine what it must have been like to have sex and not worry about bodily fluids.*

Also remember that men my age were the ones who established most of this stuff. Those of us who are alive are also my age, and we now are moving into wanting middle-age, middle-class things. We don't have a good mechanism to tell people in their 20s to "waste a decade."

*Do you think many men your age try to disown the '70s?*

People my age definitely try to disown the '70s. It taps the residual guilt that gay men have. Absolutely. There is a rush to judgment—Larry Kramer is the best example. He wrote a very despicable book about gay sex in the '70s called *Faggots,* which was really only his adolescent screech that no one loved him; but he defined all the way back then that the reason no one loved him was that they were having anonymous sex. So he now feels totally vindicated—it wasn't just the time of transmission of a virus but the time of transmission of a negative self-image. I'm not at all convinced of that. I think that what we did in the '70s was fabulous.

*It was fabulous.*

It was a sexual revolution and we meant it to be. ✿

## Correction:

The final quote in the book review of *Locke Out: The Collected Writings of Richard Locke* inadvertently combined Locke's quotation re: Locke's vow to fight AIDS (first paragraph) with the reviewer's own randy reminiscences of the porn star (second paragraph). Apologies for any confusion.


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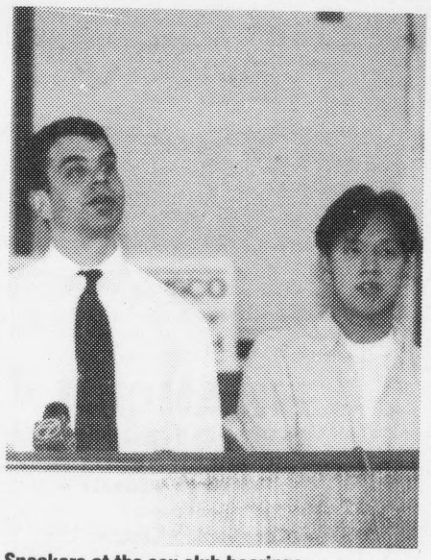
# the leather chronicles

by st. clair adams

## Exploring Desires

Let me tell you how I got over my fear that leather bars were hostile. Eight years ago my then-lover wanted to go to the Eagle. I told him I was afraid that someone would come up, grab my ass and say I was theirs for the evening. (Today, I'm disapointed if that doesn't happen.) My agreement with my lover was that we would leave together if I became uncomfortable. When we got there, the place was full of people I knew. My ex wondered what was going on; how did I know so many people if I had never been there before? I told him I didn't know that so many of my friends were leather folks.

My point is, leather people are just like everyone else. The one difference is we give greater freedom for leather folk to express our personalities. I hope those of you who want to venture out will find a comfortable way to experience this new lifestyle. Maybe you can find a friend who is open minded and agree to go to a leather bar together; if you feel uncomfortable, you can leave.



**Speakers at the sex club hearings.** Photo by St. Clair Adams.

Some advice to newcomers: you do not have to do anything that makes you uneasy. The majority of the leather community lives by a code of negotiation for personal intimacy. Many people are into different things. Even if the person you want is into something you are not, most often if you ask them, they will work within your limits. Do not be afraid to tell someone your boundaries. In almost every case they will honor your wishes. There are a very few—as in any community—who do not know when to stop. I suggest talking with a person who you are attracted to for a while and get to know who they are. Ask questions about your concerns. That way, if you feel that this person is too heavy for you, you can say no thanks or walk away.

Many people have misconceptions about the leather community. One common stereotype is that we are all cruel and perverted. These labels come from people who don't know the real us. Our community's foundation is based on kindness, generosity and culture. If you are dreaming of what the leather world is all about, please come and see for yourselves. I am sure that your dreams will come true.

**SF Leather Daddy's Boy David Magennis' first solo event. Congrats, David!** Photo by St. Clair Adams.

### SEX CLUBS

As many of you know, the gay sex clubs have been under intense criticism by television Channels 4 (KRON) and 2 (KTVU). After the media attacks, the SF AIDS Office scheduled an emergency community meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 101 Grove St. Dr. Mitchell Katz, director of the AIDS Office, stated that his office was active in assisting the clubs to attain and maintain current guidelines. They feel that it is important that these clubs exist (unlike the implications of the TV coverage) as long as they maintain a healthy environment. Katz stated that the City was convinced that these clubs provide a safe environment and encourage safe-sex by having safe-sex literature, condoms, appropriate lighting, monitors and strict sex-practice policies. He also said that more than 90 percent of the unsafe sex goes on in people's bedrooms and not in these clubs.

Two clubs did not meet the City's standards. They were cited and given a limited amount of time to correct the violation or face a shutdown. The other seven clubs meet current guidelines. Dr. Katz was asked: Why is the AIDS Office not investigating the many heterosexual sex clubs? The response was somewhat ambiguous. He said they hadn't had any complaints, and the AIDS Office did not feel they were really a threat. Katz also implied that they have limited resources and they are not the sex police.

I am saddened that the AIDS office is not taking an active interest in heterosexual activities. This focused attention on gay clubs is discriminatory by nature. The guidelines that the AIDS Office is using are only loose directives; there are no laws governing sex clubs. The city of Los Angeles has licensing for its clubs that seems to work quite well, but SF offers no protection that ensures that if the clubs comply with the rules, they can exist without fear of closure. That legislation would require the Board of Supervisors to act in SF, and after talking to about half the board, I got the feeling this is too much of a hot potato. Also, I got the sense they were satisfied with the status quo.

It's obvious that if any political pressure is put on the AIDS Office, they may have to close down the clubs. I feel that the Supervisors and the AIDS Office should put their legislation where their mouths are.

### FIRST STEP

David Magennis (SF Leather Daddy's Boy '93) put on his first event at the Watering Hole Saloon Friday, Nov. 19. It was a beer-bust turkey-shoot, raffle, and all of the traditional things to raise money. The proceeds went to the AIDS Emergency Fund. The very-friendly crowd spread hugs and kisses, and there were even two fun, but intoxicated, women who decided to play a game of pool with my friend Jack and myself. (Need I say that even as drunk as they were, they beat the pants off us and three others.) Congratulations, David! For your first event, you did a good job. Remember, put one foot in front of the other, and soon you'll be walking out the door.

### MS. SACRAMENTO LEATHER

The Ms. Sacramento Leather contest was canceled at the last minute, and the Sacramento Leather Association tried to get the word out. As

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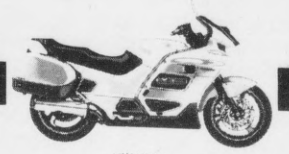

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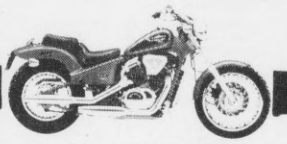

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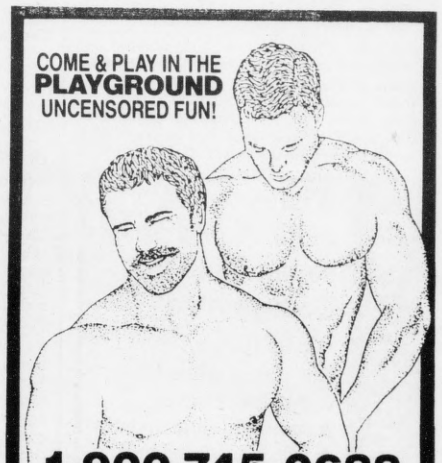

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# Leather...

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you all know, the SLA are hard workers and put on a good show. Apparently, the three applicants who had signed up for the contest backed out at the last moment. I've heard two stories about the reasons why they dropped out: one was that they were offered a sponsorship by a straight leather store in Sacramento, which backed out, leaving them with no leather apparel for the contest. The other was they found out they did not need to run for a regional title to enter the International Ms. Leather contest.

If it's true that these women did not have any leather, then they were not true leather people. This contest is to find a true leather woman to represent the community, not just a pretty woman in leather. But if the second story is true, and the women feel they are above regional titles, they do not deserve any title at all.

I have spoken with the SLA, and they would like to extend their apologies to anyone who did not know the contest was canceled and showed up to locked doors. The contest will be rescheduled for a later date. I would like to add to anyone producing a contest, that the show must go on. Even if you don't have a single contestant, the crowd will still enjoy the show. Canceling something like this may add to community depression and may endanger the contest's reputation. Keep a chin up and enjoy yourselves!

### THE GOOSE WAS LOOSE

A post-Thanksgiving day beer bust and fantasy show was held by Jo Leroux (Dyke Daddy III) at the Eagle, Friday, Nov. 26. As usual, the Friday night crowd got off to a late start, but was packed in about ten-ish. Emcee Blair (IMsL '92) had the crowd eating out of the palm of her hand and is still one of the most respected leather persons in our community. The fantasy by Tina Carroll (Dyke Mommy I) and Heidi Bayer was somewhat esoteric and very well done, as always. Dorothy Bartolomucci, a woman living with HIV who is a client of Lyon-Martin, moved the crowd with a personal speech. My heart is with you, Dorothy. You are a beautiful person! Lyon-Martin is a service that provides quality, affordable, non-judgmental, comprehensive health care for women. If you would like more information about the different services they provide, call them at 565-7667.

A few other folks also helped out with this event: Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Rock & Roll Ramona, Jullian & Beth, Chuckie the boot black, Philip Turner (SF Leather Daddy '93), Greg Pennington, Serena (Int'l Ms. Cheeks & Chaps '92), plus my favorite person of the night, Matt (Jo's Boy Dog). And how can an event be complete without the presence of the beautiful and loving Rainbeau?! Thanks for coming. Let's also wish Rainbeau a Happy Birthday! As you know, so many people help out, I invariably forget to mention someone, but you all deserve a thank-you and appreciation. For her first event as Dyke Daddy, Jo raised $1,500 for Lyon-Martin. There was also about $70 raised for the L/SM Round-up for a 50/50 raffle.

### SANTA'S SLAVE AUCTION

Randy Wright (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '93) along with Beth Elliott (Ms. Alameda Co. Leather '93) wish you Season's Greetings and invite you to a slave auction with a twist. Sunday, Dec. 12, join them for a $5 beer bust at the Turf Club in Hayward from 2-6 pm. A cast of special guests includes Graylin Thornton (Int'l Mr. Drummer '94), Kelly Burlingham (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93), and the Phoenix Uniform Club. Leather hunks and babes have donated their labor, talents and skills to the highest bidder. Monies raised will go to the Godfather Foundation East Bay. Season's Beatings from the Alameda County Leather Corp.

*PS: Stop by and wish David Stolle at the Headquarters a Happy Birthday.* ✿

# Letters...

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about time we took drastic action to stop drunk driving and prevent sexually transmitted diseases? People don't need to smoke. They also don't need to drink alcohol or have sex, believe it or not.

There is something despicable about gays who adopt puritanical attitudes and make careers out of meddling in other gay people's lives. I consider them backstabbers, not unlike President Clinton, who was going to do so much for the gay community if I remember correctly. These malevolent hypocrites and self-employed true believers want to turn San Francisco into a version of "Romper Room," presided over by that arrogant opportunist, Angela Alioto. It should be clear that liberals and bleeding hearts have their own version of fascism, one that makes people behave "for their own good."

The only reasonable argument against allowing smoking in restaurants and bars is that nonsmoking employees may be adversely affected by constant, long-term exposure to second-hand smoke. However, this argument is weak. Nobody has to work as a waiter or bartender, anymore than anybody has to work as a taxi driver, nurse or security guard, all risky occupations. Furthermore, restaurants can be ventilated to avoid accumulations of smoke. We do not live in a risk-free world, and only the unreasonable would insist that such a world be created for them.

If this anti-smoking craze is allowed to continue, there will soon be no difference between the religious right and the progressive left. Both groups will have found the reasons they need to outlaw drinking, smoking, pornography, nonmarital and non-procreative sex and all other pleasures. We will then find out what we should have known all along: that we are a backward, puritanical and conformist culture, and that gays and so-called progressives are not exempt from these characteristics.

Andrew Towne
San Francisco

# Resource Guide...

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**LYFE** (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

**GALTIP** (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

**Diamond Street Youth Shelter**: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

**Young Lesbians**: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

**Young women's rap group** for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

**Co-gender Bisexual Social Group** spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

**After-School Recreation Group** for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

**Gay Youth Community Coalition** of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

**Lambda Youth Group**: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

**Contra Costa Youth Group** for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

**Voices of Pride** Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

**InsideOut**, a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call 985-5243 or write InsideOut, PO Box 460268, SF 94146. Youth-run paper.

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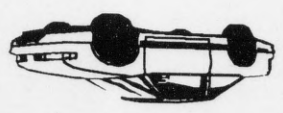

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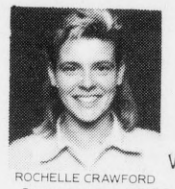

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# the personals

## WOMEN

**Andro Kiki**
Seeks company of 30ish/40ish andro-butch or andro-femme women for fun times. LTR possible. Must be very sensual, emotionally soft, in touch with their more subtle energy. I am slightly overweight, with a very shapely body, large beautiful bustline; hedonistic (slightly conservative, NS/ND); enjoy home life, music (like jazz and blues clubs). Some favorites: L. Nyro, Judy Collins, Etta James, Charlie Musselwhite. Like occasional gambling (poker, blackjack). Hobbies: auto repair, massage, cooking (ethnic, etc.). Call ★★2339.

**Becoming Community**
Semi-out, Leo/36, professional, looking for relationships. Enjoy cultural delights & diversity of SF and surroundings. Entertainment: unique arts, dancing, music, street fairs, great biking outings, beach movies, e.c. I'm athletic (not jock), creative, attracted to the unusual, yet balanced. Far Side

## Dykes To Watch Out For

WOMEN'S WORK
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JUNE, I'M HOME!
GOOD.
HELLO, MY GORGEOUS BABES! DID THIS ONE JUST GET HIS DIDY CHANGED?
NOPE. YOU'RE JUST IN TIME.
WE SAVED IT FOR YOU SO YOU COULD FEEL INCLUDED IN OUR INTIMATE MOTHER-CHILD BOND.
HNH.
OH, I INVITED HARRIET AND ELLEN OVER FOR DINNER TO CELEBRATE WINNING THE ELECTION - IS THAT OKAY?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
SNAP!
CLARICE, THIS PLACE IS A DISASTER AREA! ALL WE HAVE TO EAT IS LEFTOVERS AND BREAST MILK, AND EVERY ARTICLE OF CLOTHING I OWN IS COVERED WITH BABY BLURP!
EHH...
SHIT! MY SUIT!
WAAH!
THERE THEY ARE.
DING DONG
HI, TONI!
DON'T PANIC - WE BROUGHT DINNER.
OH! WELL COME ON IN, THEN. AND CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCILWOMAN!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? MY LOVER'S A POLITICIAN.
THE RACE WAS A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT! I WAS AFRAID WE'D ALL BE EATING TRADITIONAL VALUES FOR BREAKFAST WHEN YOUR OPPONENT GOT THOSE TWO BLACK MINISTERS TO SUPPORT HIS HOMOPHOBIC CAMPAIGN!
WELL, I'VE BEEN DOING REAL COALITION WORK FOR YEARS, WITH MY JOB AT SOCIAL SERVICES. I THINK THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, VIETNAMESE, AND NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES KNOW THEY CAN TRUST ME OVER THAT RACIST PINHEAD ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, NO MATTER WHO I SLEEP WITH.
HEY, ELLEN! SAY HELLO TO YOUR YOUNGEST CONSTITUENT!
SHRIEK!
I BETTER TAKE HIM, CLARICE. IT'S TIME FOR A FEED.
HERE'S TO CITY HALL. WHAT BETTER WAY TO FIGHT IT THAN TO JOIN IT?
WHAT'S NEXT, ELLEN? CONGRESS?
OH, I DUNNO. I WAS SORTA THINKING IT MIGHT BE NICE TO HAVE A KID FIRST.
MMF

humor. Interesting ideas & conversation a must. Healthy active minds & bodies need respond. NS/ND, no male-bashers. Call ★★2340.

**Passion, Transformation And Love**
Quiet times, wild times, sharing our hearts and dreams and journeys. I want to know you. I want commitment and growth, intimacy, aliveness, lots of talking and touching, laughter and building a solid base of friendship and trust. I'm attracted to strong women who show their vulnerability, warmth, humor, integrity, risk-taking and a passionate approach to life. Monogamous, nonsmokers over 38, all races. Call ★★2341.

**Looking**
I know you're out there... You are beautiful—inside and out. You know what life's all about. You're stable, peaceful, fulfilling your goals, and believe life is for living. You are single... over 30 and a GWF... You are looking for me. Call ★★2342.

**Don't Get Me Wrong**
Waking up with K. and P. is a mainstay of my life but I'm interested in adding another voice to my morning. 30s, Jewish, femme, quirky blend of thrillseeker and homebody, I'm passionate about my work as a designer and would like to meet someone who is equally engaged. Looking for a smart, sassy, sexy and kind soul who wants to date before jumping off any cliffs. Extra points for talkers, readers, nonsmokers. Reply BT Box DC1A or call ★★2343.

**Athletic And Attractive...**
... friendly and curious. I'm interested in books, brunch, biking, movies, mysteries, medicine, food, fashion, foreign travel, dancing and (of course) sex. How about you? Do you like to walk or run? Do you like to laugh a lot? Do you want to meet someone like me? Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park, 9 am, Saturday morning. Any Saturday. Dress for exercise. I'll be looking for you. Reply BT Box DC2A or call ★★2344.

**Clean And Sober**
Women of color are wanted to share quality conversations, social activities and intimate moments with a 31-yr-old, socially conscious, outgoing, honest, mature, attractive, sensual, supportive, Asian lesbian who is open to exploring new things and who is completely vulnerable for some heart-2-heart talks. If you believe in mutual love & support, this might be the opportunity for you to test the waters. Sorry, no recovered folks. Call ★★2345.

**Strong, Silent Type?**
No. I enjoy talking, just not into endless debates. Admire: humor, individuality, strength, honesty, creativity, intensity. Like: travel, poetry, photography, learning new things, cuddling. Dislike: drama queens, non-thinkers, those who live in categories, the Grateful Dead. I have 1 child & am relatively new to the community, but know who I am. If intrigued enough to learn more about this 28 y.o. SWF, call ★★2346. Who knows?

**Pushing The Edge**
Supremely independent, tough femme would like to meet open-minded butch who can challenge me intellectually and tease me physically; be able to hold your own and have an interest in the pursuit of truth (aka spiritual inclination). I am always pushing the limits, a dynamic little number, intelligent, radical, Libra, truly unique (aka odd). Love new adventures, change, the unconventional perspective. A little kinky. Reply BT Box DC3A or call ★★2347.

**Let's Get Physically Fit Together**
GBF, 35, 128, attractive, professional, fit, fun, love to read, do different things, would like to meet other non-butch, G females into working out, talking, laughing, enjoying each other, along with some TLC. Kids OK. No drugs or substance abuse, light drinking OK. Reply BT Box DC4A or call ★★2348.

**Yes, There Is A Preference Called "Bi"**
I'm in love with my boyfriend, but I love a feminine touch. I'm a 25-yr-old, full-time university senior, looking for a reason to take a study break. I'm sexy, beautiful, intelligent, funny, safe and sophisticated. I've been compared to Sharon Stone, Goldie Hawn and Daryl Hannah. 5'7", 145, fit, blond, green. I've done this before, have you? Living in Sacramento. Reply BT Box DC5A or call ★★2349.

**Russian Roulette**
Ever wish you could switch play partners by night and maintain stable friendships by day? Hope to be jumped in a dark alley? Fantasize about hunting in packs and finding a victim? Want to flip a scene without losing consent or the element of surprise? Looking to form a pack of dykes who like, want and respect each other enough to gang up on one another, push each other's limits, create elaborate scenes. Send us your idea of a hot scene and maybe we'll pull it off. Reply BT Box DC6A or call ★★2350.

**Do You Fit My Stocking?!**
Dear Santa: I am a GBF, 45, incurably romantic, loving, mature, child-like, stubborn, independent, emotionally stable, humorous and more. My favorite things: creative writing, Star Trek, singing, music, reincarnation (I'm a big believer), poetry, traveling... I am seeking a loving, understanding woman, 40-60, who is interested in me, not my living or financial status! Friendship first is a must. Please, Santa, I've been extra good this year! Reply BT Box DC7A or call ★★2351.

**How Can It Be Winter**
When it is springtime in my heart? Independent professional has wonderful close friends but is missing that special intimacy in a committed relationship. I have an enthusiasm for life, generosity of spirit, fiery intelligence and general good humor that I need reciprocated. I want to be close, so you live in San Francisco and don't smoke. You enjoy classical music and value the arts. Most of all, you have achieved an age where you know what you want from life, including a sense of peace from a partnership in honesty, trust and genuine kindness. We are inspired by our differences. We bask in our separate strengths and ally against our weaknesses. We face change unafraid. We want to grow together. We need only time to love. Call ★★2352.

**Gentle**
Older lesbian seeks companion (54-66). Compassion, joy, respect gladly shared. Enjoy walking, movies, meditation. Reply PO Box 14594, SF 94114.

**Daddy Wanted**
By attractive femme, to discipline me if I'm bad, pet me when I'm good. I'm looking for an attractive butch who appreciates & knows how to treat a femme & in return I can be a very good girl. I'm 30 y.o., with dark hair & eyes. I'm waiting to hear from you. Call ★★2353.

**976-Babe**
29-year-old, intelligent, attractive, femme woman looking for adventure and romance with a 28-36-year-old, intelligent babe. NS/ND. Call ★★2354.

**Date Me**
Attractive, 30ish, femme-of-center lesbian seeks attractive androgyne-to-soft-butch (30s) for dates and possible romance. Intelligent athletes encouraged. NS/ND. Call ★★2355.

**No Questions Asked**
I would like to get to know other lesbians/bisexual women without asking questions. I am 41; a first-generation American. I am an artist. Reading and music are among my hobbies. I manage well on a limited income. I am fit and do not smoke, drink alcohol or use any kind of drugs. I like to go on walks and sit in cafes and restaurants. Call ★★2356.

**I'm Ready**
Feisty femme—41, intelligent, creative and attractive—seeks stylish woman—butch of center, 40+—for good times, good talk, hot sex and whatever else develops. Like me, you find life and people endlessly amusing and intriguing, are passionate about your work and seek to involve yourself in healthy, supportive, challenging relationships. Preference for tall, creative types with good hands. No smokers, heavy drinkers or Geminis please. Call ★★2357.

**Gentle Respect**
Sexual, attractive, animals, I.S.A., fit, tall, integrity, caring, intimacy, androgynous, E. Bay woman, herb and healing, meet 45-55 y.o., grown and recovered, adventuresome sexuality, androgynous to butch-of-center, health, healing, sexual, emotionally available, spiritual woman for LTR, cafe, chat and friends. Call ★★2358.

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## SHARED INTEREST

**Please Note**
The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

**Women Runners And Walkers**
Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★2446.

**How Big Is Your Christmas Tree?**
Do you love Christmas and tend to get carried away in December? Would you like to meet other Christmas addicts? If so call & leave a message! Age, sex, race and dick size not important. Call ★★2447.

**Circumcision, No!**
Discussion and support group meets monthly (first Sunday, 4 pm) for those with concerns about how the American social custom of infant male genital mutilation violates human rights and harms children and the men they become. PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call ★★2448.

**Queer Parents**
Bi couple (M/F) with newborn girl seek other queer parents for support and socialization. We're a biracial (Asian/Caucasian) East Bay couple with interests in music, politics, academia, diapers, breast-feeding and more. Reply BT Box DC600A or call ★★2449.

**Workout Partner Wanted**
For heavy, intense training. AMs 4-5 days per week by male BB, intermed. level. Looking for serious, dedicated, highly motivated individual for workouts at Gold's or World—Mid-Peninsula area. Call ★★2450.

**Exchange Massage**
CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified, only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★2451.

**Palo Alto Lunch?**
GWF, 40s, lives in SF, works in computer biz near California Ave. in P.A. Looking for lunch companions (already have a lover). Interests: writing, mountain biking, sailing, spirituality. Value warmth, honesty, sense of humor. Age, race, sex unimportant. Dinner or weekend friends also considered. Please enjoy good food! Call ★★2452.

**Classical Music Lovers**
I am a woman who loves hearing good concerts (and discussing music) and wants to attend with others. Not an opera devotee, though will never say no to "pants" roles. Early music is a special interest. Tell me what tickles your eardrums. Call ★★2453.

**Skatergirls**
We rollerskate in the park on Sunday, at a roller rink on Wednesday (queer night), and at other times depending on our whims. We're looking for more women to skate with. All skill levels welcome, and also any type of skates—quads, in-lines, shopping cart wheels that you've sewn on your socks... If you're interested... reply BT Box DC601A or call ★★2454.

**I Need Practice Socializing**
I am a 23-year-old AF, unfamiliar with the gay community. I want to build a network of gay/lesbian friends. Likes: comedy, movies, Latin music, alternative rock, outdoors, traveling, simple things in life, tennis, sculling and open to new ideas. We can be friends, activities partners, soulmates, and etc. I live in SF and don't have a car. Call ★★2455.

**Wildfire**
Did you read Sonia Johnson's book and love it? Been thinking about it for years and don't know how to make a non-barter, gift-giving, natural community a reality? Likewise. Marge Piercy kind of had it in *Woman on the Edge of Time*, right? Let's all get together and envision it, talk about it, dream it, and do it. Call ★★2456.

**Lez Jam—Play It, Girl!**
We're still doin' it! Great attitudes, small egos, lots of fun and no judgment stuff. Blues, rock, real book standards—you bring it, we'll try to play it! Be intermediate to advanced and ready to enjoy exploring anything musically intimidating in a safe environment. East Bay, but we're flexible if you are. Call ★★2457.

## bi
## bisexual

**Have It All!**
Bisexual womyn seeks long-term relationship with well-to-do bi guy. We want children, family life, as well as options for discreet same-sex partners. You should be nonsmoking, light or non-drinking, 30 to 50 years old, politically and spiritually aware. I'm independent, loving, fun, attractive, dynamic, self-actualized, secure, homeowner. My interests include bicycling, hiking, live entertainment, swimming, quiet times, scuba, travel. Call ★★2113.

**Cuddly, Happy Married Bi Woman**
Warm, psychologically-aware, health-conscious, attractive, young-looking, 44, seeks similar bi or lesbian woman for loving, nurturing relationship/friendship. I'm Jewish, petite, soft, natural-looking with brownish hair and live in Berkeley area. Interests: personal growth, holistic healing, spirituality, intimate conversation, reading, massage, nature, hiking, swimming, films, women's events, psychology. My husband is supportive of my desire for a special woman in my life. Call ★★2114.

**San Francisco Bisexual Blind Man**
Wishes to meet a bisexual woman. Call ★★2115.

**Intensely Playful**
As well as playfully intense, "omnigender" male (culturally female-identified, mostly) seeks vivacious, sensitive, adventurous free spirits, especially female. Explore creative friendship and maybe steamy sessions of adoration, with dangerously imaginative, multi-faceted maverick—small ego (unlike libido!) & keen appreciation of humor, communication, romance, sensuality & chocolate (in more ways than one!). Stats: 29, white, longish golden-brown hair, nonsmoker; into hot springs, massage, hiking, sailing, dancing, fiction writing, photography... Call ★★2116.

**Somewhat Battle-Weary**
"Warrior for peace" seeks BiF with joy in her heart and a taste for romance in her spirit. Let's bask in the twinkles in our eyes, make night fires on the beach and marvel in the kiss of our great smiles. Perhaps not mirrors but complementary supports, our active youthful bodies will share everything from techno to classical jazz, exploring full range of life and the arts (just as creative, intelligent people should do) being as naked and nasty (or conservative and poised) as we wanna be. I'll call myself an elegant butch BiBM with charisma, charm, "deep" wisdom, tenderness, strength and a great sense of humor... You're approximately 18-40, urban/suburban or just plain freak. 5337 College Ave, Suite 552, Oakland 94618 or call ★★2117.

**Bi-Curious?**
My type is usually married/bisexual—age 30-45, thick thighs, thick fingers, no colognes. Has fantasies which are safe. I'm 42, HIV-, nice-looking, easygoing, puts you at ease; I'm 6'2", 180 lbs., moustache, wavy hair, no drugs. I'm a voyeur and exhibitionist. Fetish for men's underwear—dirty talk. So, let's talk. Call ★★2118.

**Men Are Pigs**
Bi male, 27, tired of being dicked around (so to speak) by men, looking to meet an interesting woman for friendship, possible relationship. Me: attractive, sensitive, fun, thoughtful and full of thoughts. Into: art (especially performance), Nina Simone, new ideas and singing in the bathtub with you. Call ★★2119.

**So Fucking Lonely**
Young gayboy of questionable past, new to city, seeks one to end loneliness and our hopeless future. Must be young (no dreams; under 27, please), queer in any way, willing to be loved. Into feminism, suicide, beatings, anything but money. Our only warm fires and walks on the beach should be in next year's riots and other nightmares. Color/sex inconsequential. No typically pathetic GWMs please. Call ★★2120.

**Married Bisexual**
Available weekdays, 8-5ish, for ultra-discreet hot time. You are similar to me: married white male; in SF, 42, 5'11", 180#, trim, nice-looking, clean-shaven, in closet, 7 inches cut, smooth chest, very clean person, fully employed, busy family life; enjoy mutual oral and manual safe encounters, video porn and nakedness. Married only please for periodic sex, not a relationship. Leave message with full description, experiences and interests. I'll call. Call ★★2406.

**Two Men, One Woman**
You are two men in stable relationship, love each other dearly, emotionally mature, will tell truth on deepest levels. I am feminine, long, curly blond/brown hair, in good shape, on inside have strong male energy. I was in relationship with two men at age 18 and again at 29. Those were beautiful times in my life. Honor and tenderness only. Give me a call. Call ★★2407.

**Writer, Performance Artist, Stud**
Seeks womyn, 18-58, preferably nice, smart and pretty. I'm 25, pierced, tattooed, brilliant. Also seeking butch studs, 18-25. Reply BT Box DC300A or call ★★2408.

**Holidays-R-Us**
Sophisticated, humorous, sexy, attractive BiWF searching for other woman who enjoys the sensuality that two women share. You, like me, also appreciate the balance of a special male involved in our bisexual relationship. You are a woman who enjoys laughter, silliness, honesty, good communication, and are also health-conscious. Prefer someone 28-39, who enjoys physical activities both outdoors and indoors as well as a propensity toward romantic and sensual gameplaying. NS, ND and light alcohol. Call ★★2409 or write PO Box 640334, SF 94164.

**Single WM**
Businessman, 49, tall, tan, fit & trim, in 3-yr. relationship with beautiful blonde BiWF bodybuilder, 33, 5'6", 118 lbs. We want a slim, fit, bi female, 26-36, to share low-key Florida lifestyle. Prefer nonsmoker, D&D-free. Why spend your time in bumper-to-bumper traffic when you can have it all? If you enjoy fine horses, and want to share our homes, please send photo and short bio for fun or more. Reply BT Box DC301A.

## m
## MESSAGES

**18th Street, 10/31/93, Late AM**
T.—I was helping a friend move. You walked by twice. We said hello, and second time you stopped to talk. We introduced ourselves, talked, but I walked away too soon (dumb). I liked you—please call. —K. Call ★★2484.

**Saturday, 10/23, Different Light Bookstore**
You: Fremont man, dark, glasses, shorts, muscular legs. Me: slender, brown beard, from Chicago. You showed me unforgettable "coming out" card. Let's make long distance connection. I visit Bay Area often. Would enjoy getting to know you, by telephone first, in the flesh later. Call ★★2485.

**You're Naturally Blonde**
Lesbian, raised in Sacramento, moved to SF, and drove blue VW bug, around 1975. We were roommates/friends/lovers on and off for 2 years. I have longed to find you again for over a decade: first, to make amends for hurtful things I did; and second, to see if we can renew our friendship if you want to. Please, please call or write. I'll reimburse costs. Reply BT Box DC700A or call ★★2486.

**Stop AIDS Project**
Saturday, 11/13, Market at 16th. I answered your questions; we talked, laughed. Me: 23, curly blond hair, glasses, unusual name. I'm the one who can't imagine doing what I do without latex. You: 23, taller, black hair (dyed burgundy?), sunglasses, moved to SF a year ago. I'd like to get together and talk some more, laugh, and maybe do some other things, too. Call ★★2487.

**Paramount Theatre Lobby, 11/12**
*My Fair Lady* intermission. You: Hispanic, fitted pullover shirt, yellow jacket, short dk hair, w/ Black girl. Me: white boy, short brn hair, slim, w/sweater on. We exchanged several glances in lobby & on stairs. Would very much like to meet you. Please respond if interest is mutual. Call ★★2488.

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## TRANS

**First Timer**
First-time ad for first-time experience. I am 46, 5'10", 160 lbs., healthy and HIV-. You are younger, pretty and warm, willing to be the first with this intelligent, educated gentleman. Reply BT Box DC400A or call ★★2431.

## m
## MEN

**Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)**
I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

**Honesty/Integrity**
34, 6'1", 175#, well-built, handsome GM, Eurasian descent, looking for attractive GWM (27-37), optimistic, self-aware, life-loving, wanting to develop meaningful relationships. My interests:

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**Looking For A Together Guy**

You: 30-45, NS, ND, HIV-, looking for LTR. You like outdoors, friendship, emotional and physical intimacy, appreciate a caring man and like being a bottom, but you want to know a man before going to bed with him. I'm GWM professional, 40s, 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV-. I have great sense of humor, high energy and think being gay is a pretty wonderful thing. Recent photo and phone # to BT Box DC70A or call ★★2501.

**Music, Language, Monogamy**

Well-bred, well-educated, well-employed BM, 38, very musical, very verbal, bilingual (French), attractive, gentle, masculine top, 6', 225 lbs., HIV-, NS/ND. Seeks friendship, eventual monogamous LTR, with similar stable, cultured man, any race, 35-45. Your interests include languages, classical music and opera. Please, no outdoorsmen, party boys, gym addicts, bohemians, race fetishists. Reply BT Box DC71A or call ★★2502.

**Kind And Intelligent**

Tall, handsome, bl/bl, funny, nice body, cultured, well-mannered, spontaneous, myriad interests, successful, early 40s, HIV+. I have a wonderful life that is oriented to growth, service and fun. Seeks kind, intelligent, proportionate, decent-looking, 5'9"+, nice guy with a good life, good friends and generous spirit for a nurturing, fun experience. Box 409, 2443 Fillmore, SF 94115.

**Qui N'a Pas Besoin De Chaleur Humaine?**

La vie sans amour et amitie n'est pas gaie. Very attractive and good-looking Chinese guy, 40 y.o., with European background seeks under 45 y.o. GWM, GLM or GAM for dating, friendship or more. Into varied interests, NS, ND, HIV-, in good proportion. Please write (photo appreciated and returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 827, Brisbane 94005-0827 or call ★★2503.

**Hefty Dominant WM**

Seeks trim partner. You're naturally submissive in bed, eager to yield and please and train, very oral, HIV-. I'm 70" tall, 210 lbs., late-40s, demanding and affectionate, HIV-. We're equals outside the bedroom, nonsmokers, no drugs. Reply BT Box DC72A or call ★★2504.

**Central Contra Costa**

Looking for locals with varied interests which may include movies, dinners, tennis, bikes, games, pinochle, workouts (body and mind), spirit/religion (?) & TV sports. I'm 40, 5'10", 170#, asym. HIV+, NS, red-brn/blue, 'stache, active, fit, nice and nice-looking. Ideal local is 30-50, NS, proportionate, energetic, stable, sometimes quiet, always sincere. Call ★★2505.

**Massage Anyone?**

Good-looking, cleanshaven, well-educated, East Bay GWM, mid-30s, 6'2", 190#, HIV-, seeks similar GWM/GAM, 25-35, for an erotic massage exchange and, who knows, maybe even a friendship. I am relatively inexperienced, so please be looking for a sensual experience rather than wild sex. Please send a photo (which I will return) and a letter describing yourself and your interests to BT Box DC73A.

**Ball-Oriented Men**

Wanted to help me explore my secret passion! You: in-shape, under 50, big balls; playful attitude is essential. Me: tall, in-shape, reasonably good-looking, 39, HIV+ (but this will be completely safe), no experience with this & little interest in actual pain, but I do have nice, fat nuts. Send photo (of you, not just your crotch), phone, and hot note to 41 Sutter St., #1215, SF 94104. Let's play ball!

**I Love Christmas**

Dogs, daily sex, hairy-chested men, romantic dinners at home, remodeling houses, train or ship vacations, classical/new age music. Good-looking GWM, 43, 185#, 6', very hairy, brown hair & eyes, Aries/Libra rising, HIV-. Looking for GWM, 30-45 yrs. old, dark-haired, hairy chest, medium to small build, HIV- or +, financially and personally independent, nonsmoker. Let's get together to see if there is any chemistry between us. Call ★★2506.

**Quest**

Seeking a compatible fellow, fit & healthy, to 30-something, with inner radiant beauty, a quick, sharp intellect, and a warm disarming smile. You enjoy your own sense of independence, but savor the bond of a kiss, a cuddle, a nuzzle, or some other expression of tenderness. You like to be surprised with an unexpected kiss while we chop vegetables in the kitchen, while waiting in line at the theater, or even when all soaped up in the shower. Buddha to BMUG, Mozart to Monk: the world of ideas are not prissy subjects when you talk about them but pulse with energy and excitement. Our eroticism is generated out of tenderness, compassion and genuine regard for each other. If sharing this ecstatic celebration of body, spirit and intellect with a GWM, 40something, 6'1", 185 lbs., br/blue, cleanshaven, HIV-, interests you, then please tell me who you are. Reply BT Box DC74A or call ★★2507.

**Mature Seeks Youthful**

Seeking a positive-thinking, affectionate, very(!) youthful-looking guy, for relationship. Men of color welcome. You are not doing drugs, are a non-smoker, HIV- and enjoy sex. Your personality is more important to me than your body and your looks. I'm a caring WM, a professional writer and therapist. I am muscular, trim, short and compact, 62, HIV-. PO Box 31341, SF 94131 or call ★★2508.

**Good-Looking Top**

WM, 40, attractive, 5'10", 145, top, seeks good-looking, intelligent, masculine man for friendship or LTR. Looking for a hungry bottom interested in exploring S/M (spanking, shaving, bondage, etc.). Otherwise want to share good times as equals. Prefer SF. Leave best time to reach you. Call ★★2509.

**Are You Happy With Your Life Now?**

So am I. I'm 30, 6'6", 195 lbs. (slender), br/blue, HIV-, NS/ND, good-looking. I go to the gym, but it's not my hang-out. I feel whole as a single person and I'd like to enhance my life through sharing it with another. My interests/passions include: running, rollerblading, volleyball, jazz/world music, languages, travel, teaching, learning, playing my saxophone and (believe it or not) my job. I am looking for a committed relationship that includes openness, emotional availability, and lots of laughter (I love practical jokes). I prefer guys close to my age (I have a fetish for skinny guys). My goals in life are to continually grow, to learn, to become increasingly nonjudgmental and to love. Call or write. Reply BT Box DC75A or call ★★2510.

**Getting Laid**

Is the easy part; finding an enduring relationship is harder. Man with far more than his fair share of hot times in the past now seeks more time with one man. 42, 5'9", 147, positive & very healthy. Strong libido, passion for cum; bottom to versatile. Looking for a positive man within 5 years of my age. Like hiking, movies, travel & British TV. Call ★★2511.

**Raised In Radio Days**

In the ongoing saga of a young good-looking middle aged man from a small river town in the Midwest trying to find love in the big city... his artistic sensitivity precludes street and bar encounters, but how about a call from you, a nice-looking, genuine fellow (perhaps HIV+?) who is randomly searching these ads for the same thing? (Check voicemail number for more data.) Call ★★2512.

**Silver Fox Seeks Men Of Distinction**

Interested in a cultural, erudite, passionate, witty, monogamous, HIV- intellectual? Look no further! Distinguished-looking world traveler, active in public forums, medical research. Seeking individuals of quality for dialogue, friendship, dating, discreet games. Rainbow responses welcomed. HIV- please. Box 52, 350 7th Ave., SF 94118 or call ★★2513.

**Asian Fixation**

Is my weakness. Of course, I realize you're probably American, but the look drives me wild. You don't have to be handsome, just short, proportional build, and under 40. I am not tall at all, 140#, 40 y.o., smoker, sometimes drinker, wide interests. We are both compassionate, understanding and need somebody to sleep with and hang with weekends and after work. SF pref. Call ★★2514.

**Not Your Daddy**

The problem is that I am attracted to younger men, but I am repulsed by the co-dependent behavior of unresolved parent-child issues that are often the stereotype in these kinds of relationships. I am not looking to play anyone's daddy. I am looking for a whole, integrated person who just happens to be younger than I. I am a GWM, 44, 6', 185 lbs., br/blu, HIV-, sexually versatile, a well-educated professional with interests and training in the arts and sciences (an eclectic background). I have all the standard interests listed in a lot of other ads (travel, theater, food, books, music, etc.). My primary interest is the continually renewing action of paying attention to how I view the world, my place in it, and the effective result of living my life consciously. I enjoy the willingness to question, to search, to look for alternate ways of "seeing" the world that some bright, uncalcified younger men have, also. I love, too, their unabashed physicality and sexuality. I am incredibly romantic, enjoy touching and caressing, and even PDA (Public Displays of Affection). If something here strikes a chord, then let's proceed. Reply BT Box DC76A or call ★★2515.

**Witam Polakow!**

Bym chcial poznac chlopaka z Polski, kto ma wasy i jest przede wszystkim, szczery. Wiek obojetny. Jesli ktos szuka przyjaciela, prosze napisac! Jestem przystojny i sympatyczny pochodzenia polskiego. VN, PO Box 30343, Phoenix, AZ 85046 or call ★★2516.

**Life's Been Good**

Great friends, interesting job, good health, nice place to live. There's just one thing I'm missing: you, you adorable thing. Let's dance all night, go to a concert, go kayaking, discuss life's ironies, eat sushi—whatever. This athletic, handsome, 29-year-old, 5'8", 140, seeks an honest, thoughtful, fit, HIV-, happy-go-lucky guy, 25-35, who doesn't take life too seriously. Write PO Box 14203, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★2517.

**Desperately Seeking Buddyness**

Hairy, G-T'd Spaniard seeks to meet other very hairy, bearded men for friendship and/or buddyness but will settle for uncomplicated sex and cuddling. I'm 37 y.o., 5'11", 157#, br/br, fin. sec. prof., healthy HIV+ 10 yr. survivor, not into drugs, smoking, drinking, bars, gym or sports. You respect those choices and are within 5± of myself (age, inches, ht.). GWM, blnd/red/s&p pref. Let's find out what else we have got to share. Drop a note: M.S., PO Box 14635, SF 94114.

**Empathetic Professional**

GWM, 63, 5'8", 165 lbs., HIV-, professional, likes movies, classical music, art, travel. Is kind, sensitive, empathetic. Looking for 35+ gay male for friendship and relationship. Please send letter and photo to BT Box DC77A or call ★★2518.

**Can You Hear The Blues?!**

Are you attractive intellectually, physically, emotionally, spiritually? Can you maintain your separate identity in a meaningful & committed relationship? I am 55 y.o., 150 lbs., HIV-, bearded, professional with a very good relationship history. I enjoy walking, beaches, music, theater, talking, international travel. I seek intelligent, educated, articulate, interesting, responsible male, early 40s to early 50s, NS. Reply BT Box DC78A or call ★★2519.

**Serious About It**

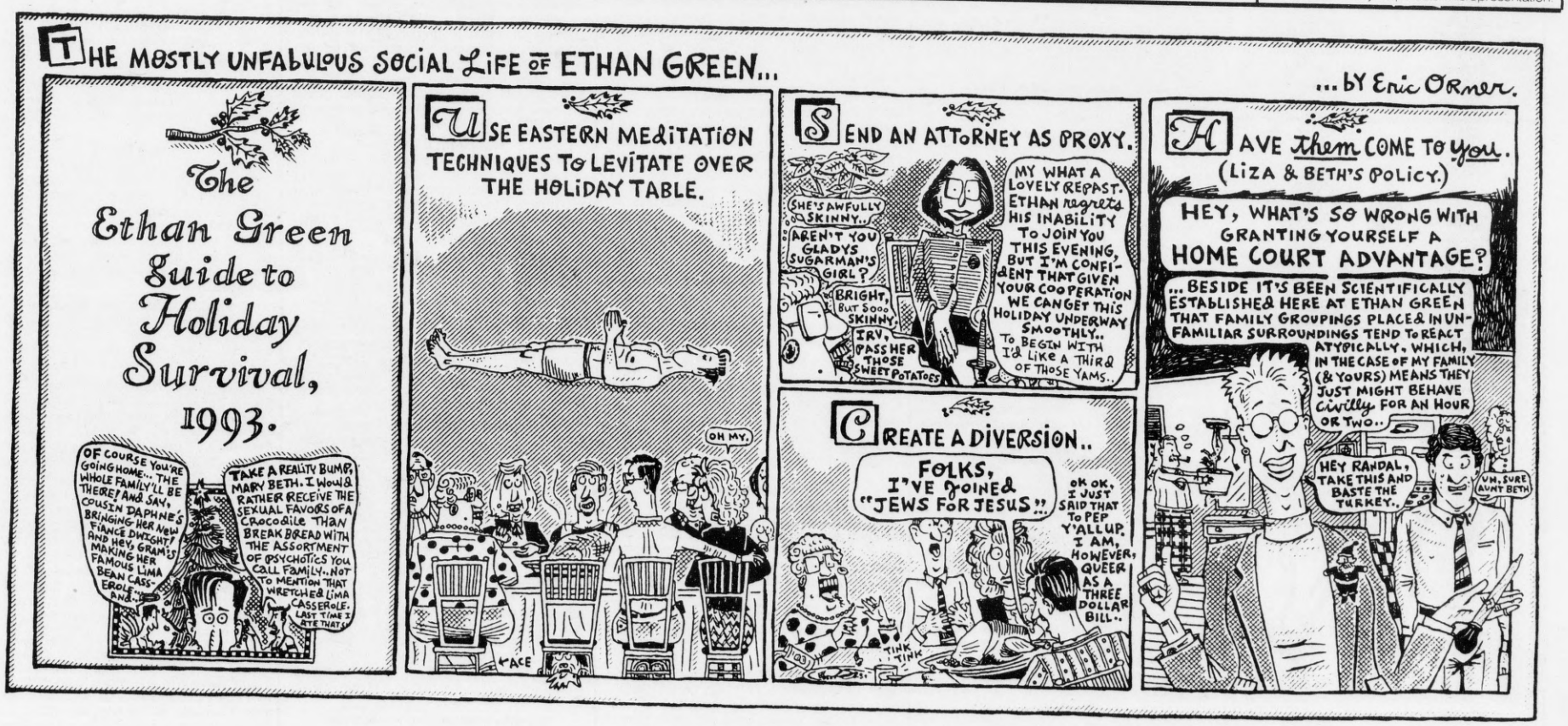
Recently found myself with time on my hands and no one to spend it with. Looking to meet an intelligent, handsome, in-shape, unpretentious GWM with a great sense of humor, 30-45. Prefer top sexually. Me: GWM, 36, 6'1", 185#, brown hair/eyes, HIV+, very healthy and in good shape, handsome (that's what others tell me). Tired of the bar scene. I enjoy films, the country, travel, quiet nights at home, good conversation, good friends, good food and good sex. Looking for a relationship of substance. Send letter and photo (I'll return) to BT Box DC79A or call ★★2520.

**Modern Man Of Color**

Sought for friendship, romance, monogamous LTR. Me: BM, 26, 5'8", slim, HIV-, socially conscious, educated. Into clubs, music, dancing, art, alternative interests. You're at least my age and height, honest, HIV-, somewhat stable but not too conservative, realistic about life but enjoy grooving on it simultaneously. Think we'll be compatible? Are we soulmates? Take a chance because I'll respond to all. PO Box 426377, SF 94142 or call ★★2521.

**Guys! Sex! Videos!**

If you answered this ad in the prior two issues, and got no response, my sincere apologies. Unforseen circumstances prevented a call back to voicemail. Goal: sex buddies, playmates, intimacy, male bonding through mutual sexual pleasures and fun experiences. Me: attractive, mature, 40ish appearance, GWM, 6', 175#, good body, tanned, gray/blond/military cut hair, pecs pierced, great cock, hot mouth/tongue for full body exploration, moustache, good kisser, very sexual, honest, sensuous, touch oriented, adventurous exhibitionist. Blow Buddies regular, oral connoisseur with an insatiable appetite to fully service cocks. HIV-(play safe, status irrelevant), enjoy wine, a beer, "poppers" and an occasional joint. You: GWM, 35+, "oral (getting great head) fixated," good looks, maintained body and appearance, "endowed," "masculine." Enjoy kissing, man-to-man touching, massage? Have a very hot erotic apt., sexually graphic male art work, and extensive porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Wipe-outs: misrepresentation.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BRIGHT, BUT SOOO SKINNY.
IRV, PASS HER THOSE SWEET POTATOES
MY WHAT A LOVELY REPAST. ETHAN regrets HIS INABILITY TO JOIN YOU THIS EVENING, BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT GIVEN YOUR COOPERATION WE CANGET THIS HOLIDAY UNDERWAY SMOOTHLY.. TO BEGIN WITH I'd Like A THIRD OF THOSE YAMS..
CREATE A DIVERSION..
FOLKS, I'VE JOINED "JEWS FOR JESUS"..
oh ok, I JUST SAID THAT TO PEP Y'ALLUP. I AM, HOWEVER, QUEER AS A THREE DOLLAR BILL..
TINK TINK
HAVE them COME TO you. (LIZA & BETH'S POLICY.)
HEY, WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH GRANTING YOURSELF A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE?
... BESIDE IT'S BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY ESTABLISHED HERE AT ETHAN GREEN THAT FAMILY GROUPINGS PLACED IN UNFAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS TEND TO REACT ATYPICALLY, WHICH, IN THE CASE OF MY FAMILY (& YOURS) MEANS THEY JUST MIGHT BEHAVE civilly FOR AN HOUR OR TWO..
HEY RANDAL, TAKE THIS AND BASTE THE TURKEY..
VH, SURE AUNT BETH

small cocks, colognes, unclean. In shape, butch only, please. If you fit the general outline above, "What have you got to lose but your load?" Call ★★2522.

### It's All Subjective

34 y.o. GWM, 5'10", 185 lbs., brown hair, bald, goatee, hairy, blue eyes, glasses, HIV-, attractive especially to men into "bears." For me beards and longer hair are OK but I generally prefer less hairy men than myself and a smaller build. I keep busy working, commuting, volunteering, doing chores and going to the gym. For fun I enjoy street fairs, family, friends, bicycling, hiking, skiing, music (mostly rock), movies, reading, TV, relaxing at home and following the Giants & 49ers. I'd like to meet a 22-48 y.o. GM who is honest, unpretentious, shares some but not all of my interests and whose vices haven't developed into a lifestyle. Write PO Box 470694, SF 94123 or call ★★2523.

### Big Dick

Neither required nor offered. Normal man is the measure of my things. This man is 46, 5'10", 160 lbs., HIV- Thinning brown hair, very blue eyes. Professional type. Interests include mild exercise, reading (particularly psychology), people (including non-trivial conversation). I am ND, occasional smoker. I like all people, races. I am actually "emotionally available." You should select yourself, younger or older. Should be normally intelligent (abnormally dumb OK). P.S. I cook only peanut butter sandwiches. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★2524.

### Are You Submissive And Adventurous?

Need instruction, obedience training, verbal kink, bondage, spankings? Need behavior modification for mind and body? Looking for a stable environment? Need to find a masculine, aggressive dad or master, responsible and affectionate? Over 18, nonsmoker, no drugs, with a "yes, sir" attitude. For total commitment to this unique lifestyle, Boxholder, PO Box 2771, Livermore 94551 or call ★★2525.

### Cultivate A Friendship

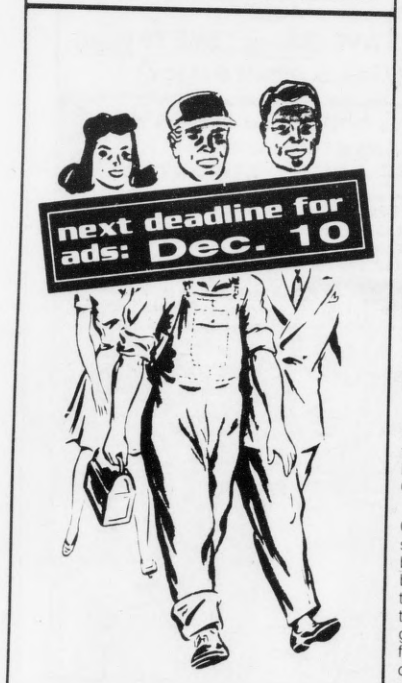
Handsome, unconventional, cleanshaven man with Jewish-Italian looks, 5 o'clock shadow, toned body, hairy chest, HIV- 6', 155#, look 39, actually perky 49. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hik- ing, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, youthful, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, healthy, caring. Probably: smooth, unbearded, lean or firm, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, spacious mind, tender kiss. Photo please. Reply BT Box DC80A or call ★★2526.

### Heart To Heart

Handsome wheelchair guy, finishing law school and becoming a lawyer, buying a home, seeks the best in life. I would like an intelligent, well-brought up and athletic, spiritual guy, high self-esteem and a big heart to share my love and happiness within as complete and monogamous a way as possible. If you enjoy living life to the fullest and you are not afraid of a disability, or are not jaded by homophobia, let's meet. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★2527.

### East Bay Ritualistic Dirty Talk/ Jack-Off Obsession

Heavy mutual dirty talk, jack-off, phallic worship while chanting, talking, stroking, showing off and watching masculine, aggressive GWM, while partying and consuming substances (medium to wild, share costs 50/50). Seeking other masculine, aggressive buddy. Not into shaved, mirrors, videos, couples, toys. Age, size, looks unimportant. Not a fuck/suck/touch scene. Long scenes encouraged. Get together my place, 10-11 pm. Buddy-to-buddy scene, not top/bottom. Must be devoted to Priapus (the god of cock). Call ★★2528.




### Smooth Turns Me On

Cultivate a friendship with this unconventional, handsome, cleanshaven man of character. With Jewish-Italian looks, 5 o'clock shadow, toned body, hairy chest, HIV- 6', 155#, look 35-40, though perky 49. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, youthful, lean or firm, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, healthy. Probably: unbearded, non-smoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, tenderness, spacious mind. Photo please. Reply BT Box DC81A or call ★★2529.

### Quality Man Sought

Sincere and fun guy sought by big, burly, hairy man. Chemistry is important. I love tall, blue-eyed, hairy, muscular nonsmokers. Live in East Bay, work in SF. PO Box 1285, Fremont 94538-0128 or call ★★2530.

### Versatile Sex Maniac

Good-looking 35-year-old, hot Latin male seeking hot-looking, masculine, white male—in-shape, 30s-early 40s, willing to share it all, one-to-one, to explore beyond our imagination! Clean and safe only. (Moustache a+). Satisfaction guaranteed! Call ★★2531.

### Dad Wants Your Ass

I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Me: attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., football player build. You: attractive, GWM, 18-35, slim build with nice buns. You need it bad! You won't be disappointed! Call ★★2532.

### Rainy Season Request: Call Me

If you'd occasionally enjoy sharing chilly winter evenings by the fireplace, with a creative, HIV-, reasonably built, reasonably handsome man in his late 40s. You're in your late 20s-late 30s, HIV-, cut, with a decent physique, some intelligence and sense of humor, a usually pleasant manner, and not dysfunctional. With a little rain, our small acorn might grow to a mighty oak. Call ★★2533.

### Calling All Tops

WM, 33, looking for other hot tops, early 20s to mid-30s, to share pussy boys. Activities include verbal abuse, watersports, rim service. Only respond if you are good-looking and have a workout body. Call ★★2534.

### Older/Younger

GWM would like to meet younger guy, any race, for fun and intimate times. I'm 58, 5'10½", 185, gray/bald, 'stache, HIV-, sm. end. Enjoy movies, TV, music, gym. You are under 45; short, dark, hairy are pluses. Reply with photo to PO Box 323, San Anselmo 94979 or call ★★2535.

### Wanted: Real Friendship Or More

Sincere Asian male, 20, with good looks and easygoing personality seeks handsome or cute GWM, 20-30 (only), with similar qualities to develop a genuine friendship or possibly a relationship. But, if you're not handsome or cute or under 30, please do not reply to this ad. I'm fed up with liars! Thanks! PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★2536.

### Best Friend/Lifemate

Someone with the time, energy, commitment it takes for a successful union. No personal ad game players please. I'm very attractive, Italian, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, HIV-. Enjoy home, music, conversation, reading, board games, quiet times. You're mature, in-shape, nonsmoker. We're clean, honest, considerate, dependable, nice guys. All answered. Travel is no problem. Photo appreciated/returned. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★2537.

### Let's Keep Each Other Warm

Attractive GAM, late 20s, 5'10", 169 lbs., muscular, gym-toned, seeks brawny guys, 25-35, to share time with. Like to spend cozy times (i.e., watch TV/videos, reading in bed) with someone special. Asians, Hispanics and African Americans a+. Letter and photo (if possible) to BT Box DC82A or call ★★2538.

### No Cliches, Please

Yes, we know you like: beach walks, full moons, eating out by candlelight, movies & all performing arts, blah, blah. Who doesn't? There must be more to you than the usual cliches. Of course, you should be WM, 29-42, fit and good-looking, intelligent, witty, creative and have a great sense of humor—any straying or wild stretching of the truth will be severely penalized. GAM, 38 (look younger—another cliche), 5'10", 155, br/br, attractive (another cliche)—cute not handsome, definitely not fat, but not a body of steel either (getting there). I work out but I prefer to live at home, not at the gym. Tell me something witty, creative, personal, but don't leave only a list. Thanks. Call ★★2539.

### Filipino/Asian (San Jose/Bay Area)

Sought by prime Italian for friendship/romance, travel companion. Be sincere, open-minded, and have a need for a loving and caring relationship. Call ★★2540.

### White Collar/Blue Collar

Cute young well-built QWB swimmer's build skinhead seeks handsome white or blue collar boys with large endowments for frolic and male bonding. Straight/bi/curious welcome for comfortable relaxed hot safe experience. Versatile, tattooed and pierced. Desire masculine in-shape good looks, well-hung and thick. Sincere only, no flakes. Detailed written response preferred, discretion assured. PO Box 2307, SF 94126 or call ★★2541.

### Question:

How many ads does it take to meet "the right one"? I've asked it, now you answer it! You're 35 to 45, sexy, husky, hairy, intimate, funny and prefer an old-fashioned guy to pal around with. I'm good-looking, believe people can be swept off their feet, love and hate the city I live in, and want to meet an old-fashioned guy. Please be a nonsmoker, HIV- and cut. Thanks. Call ★★2542.

### Fun Bottom

Good shape, 58, 5'11", 170#, 33/32 jeans, short s&p beard & hair, heavily tattooed, multiple piercings, to-the-root deep throat, hot ass, HIV- (SS OK) seeks easygoing cool top, sensual, intelligent, humor, UC a+. A lot of head, FF and everything else, no limits. Wide spectrum of erotic interests, far out hedonism. My place, am equipped. Call ★★2543.

### Bearded, Masculine, Monogamous

Fun, playful, bright, energetic, intuitive, insightful, sober, nonsmoking, left-of-center musician, kinda hairy, 38, 5'10", 145#, HIV-, light br/br, glasses, pierced ears, earthy, affectionate, versatile, uninhibited, sensual, values feelings, commitment, honesty, fitness, spirituality, personal growth, loves movies, dancing, queer comedy, live music, theater, seeks creative, like-minded man for exceptional LTR. Let's talk, exchange photos, date before sex. Dark-haired, bearded and/or hairy preferred, younger OK. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 14413, SF 94114 or call ★★2544.

### Serious, Intimate Relationship

I'm interested in developing a serious, intimate relationship with someone whose values I share. I'm 46, 5'7", slim, Jewish, HIV-, European-born and an artist. Some of my interests include art, films, reading, travel, the outdoors, and good conversation. I'm attracted to a wide variety of people, but I feel most connected to bright, sensitive men around my age. If this sounds interesting to you, perhaps we could meet for coffee and see how things go. Call ★★2545.

### Survivor Of Childhood Sexual Abuse

I'm 32, 5'10", 172 lbs., HIV-, NS/ND, physically fit, very good-looking, clean-cut, blond, educated, honest, communicative, stable. I enjoy music (non-mainstream rock, old blues, bluegrass, ethnic), film (art/foreign/classic), the outdoors, cycling, sex, intimacy and much more. I've been in therapy for over two years and am recovering nicely from my abusive (ritual) childhood. I seek friendship/relationship/conversation with other survivors or other interesting men. Reply BT Box DC83A or call ★★2546.

### Good-Looking GWM, 51 Years Young

Seeks same, good-looking/handsome GWM, any years young, into fun, friendship, maybe even romance! Are you new in SF Bay Area? Can be your escort & show you best bars, baths, clubs, beaches, etc. Everything—everywhere! Write Box 1001, 633 Post, SF 94109 or call ★★2547.

### I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous

GWM, 39, who's 5'10", 190 lbs., balding with a great moustache, seeks guy with attractive boyish looks, between 20 and 30, for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, films, nature, drives, sci fi, versatile safe sex & sleeping in late. Call ★★2548.

### Do Some Roads Less Traveled Work For You Also?

GWM, young 50, 5'10", 160, red/green, smooth, professional in the arts, physical (Yoga, gym), therapied (Jung, Reich), spiritual (East-West, Anglican, non-dogmatic), health-conscious (vegetarian, nonsmoker/user, HIV-), INFP, more straight-world identified but gay-positive and sexually bottom inclined, open-minded, emotionally available, and relationship-oriented. If you relate to some of this, tell me about yourself. Call ★★2549.

### Goody Two-Shoes

Don't drink, smoke, use drugs or fuck around. Attractive and slim 27 y.o. Caucasian student seeks a handsome, masculine, earthy, 27-39 y.o. top for monogamous relationship. I am vegetarian, analytical and affectionate. Pleasures: film, Asian food, cafes, massage, camping, day hikes and new experiences. Interests: different cultures, metaphysics and sight-hounds. Like me, be tall, toned, HIV- and health-conscious. North Bay a plus. Respond with photo to BT Box DC84A or call ★★2550.

### Sick Of Bar Attitude?

Can't stand meaningless sex? Want one person to call all yours? Me too, dammit! Handsome, 22, 5'11", 140#, Livermore-based Mexican wants to comfortably fall in love with my best friend (isn't that how it should be?). Prerequisites: 100% gay, honesty, self-assuredness and slightly dominant. Physical requirements: attractive, masculine Caucasian, short brown hair, average to muscular frame, 25-36 y.o. I can stand being alone... but not loneliness. Reply BT Box DC85A or call ★★2551.

### Hibernation

Big heart, open mind, sound judgment, responsible, reliable, sincere and honest, left of center, sense of absurd, planted in reality. WM, 39 yrs. old, 6', 245 lbs., HIV-; nonsmoker—seeking fun-loving, addiction-/tobacco-free WM for adventures of the heart, mind, body and soul. Box 269, Mill Valley 94942-0269 or call ★★2552.

### Wakeful In Walnut Creek

... From wondering where all the good East Bay men went. Me: GWM, 39 (honest), 5'8", 155, brn/blue, 'stache, HIV-, intelligent, handsome, witty, NS/ND/light drinker, hairy, sexually versatile, into theater, books, music, quality relationship. You: similar GWM, very attractive, masculine, fit, healthy, sincere, romantic, stable, professional, funny, sensual, passionate, preferably hairy, 35-45. Object: dating, possible LTR. Too much to ask for? Nahhhh! Call ★★2553.

### All We Want For Christmas Is You!

Two GWM, HIV-, age 54, daddies, 6 ft., one is 145#, one is 300#, couple needs a younger horny son to satisfy daddies' needs—safe sex and oral requested in Santa Rosa. 8" cut & 6" cut, horny, weekends best. We are nudists. Write: Daddy, PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★2554, if interested.

### Let's Get Wet

Good-looking white male, early 30s, looking for other hot men (tops & bottoms) into watersports. You must be good-looking with good bodies. Come on, boys, let me hose you down. Call ★★2555.

### Who Would Have Thought?

That this outgoing, funny teddy bear, 32, can be shy when meeting new men. Please make the first move, especially if you love film, music, travel, dancing and big boys and are in-shape or stocky. Call ★★2556.

### Positively Looking For:

Looking for you: honest, able to communicate, respect yourself, body and person, comfortable enough with yourself to be truthful. If you can take these requests personally or at least relate to them, let's relate together. GWM, 31, 5'10", 160 lbs., br/br, attractive, intelligent, sincere, real, healthy, gym-toned, bottom, versatile, preppy, professional, adventuresome, seeking other men for friendship, dating, sex, companionship, relationship or whatever develops. Call ★★2557.

### Masculine Italian

6'2", American-born Italian, full head of dark hair, brown eyes, husky build, 40+; smoker and light drinker; considered good-looking; moustache, hairy chest; healthy HIV+; outgoing personality; youthful-looking and thinking; down-to-earth type; reside in East Bay. Seeking slim, masculine, sincere man who is uncomplicated, happy, versatile, romantic & open to a one-on-one quality relationship. Call ★★2558.

### Asian Or Latino

I am an Asian man, 39, 5'8", 145#, who is gentle, kind and easygoing. I like movies, relaxed dinners with friends, working out, swimming and traveling/living abroad. If you are Asian or Latino, 20s to 40s, please reply BT Box DC86A or call ★★2559.

### Wanted: Mini-Hunk

5'9" or shorter, dark complexion, age 22-36, hard body, sincere, honest, intelligent, employed, good sense of humor, enjoys outdoor activities, nonsmoker, HIV-, interested in relationship. Me: Capricorn, 5'10", 162 lbs., blond, blue eyes, good-looking, hard body, outdoor type, age 54, HIV-, same qualities listed above. Enjoy biking, camping, boating, hiking, working out, sex, travel, movies, music and, most of all, a good laugh. Looking for friendship or, if we're lucky, more. Call ★★2560.

### Out Of The Closet & Into Your Life

Inexperienced GWM in Fremont area (35 years old, 200# (and dropping), blue eyes, brown hair, HIV-), looking for someone to share my life. Spent last 12 years working on my career, now ready to work on my life. I enjoy hiking, biking, tennis, amusement parks, picnics, board games, movies, theater, evenings out & quiet ones home. If you are 25-45 years old and have similar interests, leave me a message. Reply BT Box DC87A or call ★★2561.

### Magical Guy

Seeking warm, passionate, tender guy like myself, who's bright, spirited, sometimes shy, often peppy, with engaging good looks. Can be slow starter, but capable of hot and nasty fun with right chemistry. We both are HIV-, free of drugs and smoke, fond of ideas, bright eyes, full lips, and cute butts. Prefer white or Latin male, 21-32. Respond with recent photo (exchanged) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

### Moonlight Dancing

Adventurous, intelligent, spiritual guy drawn to jungles, heat, sun, tropical breezes, dazzling sunsets, warm sensuous nights. Likes change and growth. Seeks passionate partner for adventures in intimacy, spirit and travel. Call ★★2563.

### Less Than Candid...

Are what most of these ads are, but let's trudge through another one. Reasonably attractive (with untrendy chest hair), recently 41, GWM with shopping experience seeks fellow traveler who hasn't yet given up on dating/mating scene. 6', 165#, bl/br, HIV-, likes Scrabble, snowshoeing and swimming; not pierced/recovered/spiritually transmuted. Looking for convivial student of life for friendship, mutual chemistry and ability to return a phone call. Photo returned/exchanged: PO Box 2706, Oakland 94602-0006.

### Romantic GAM Needs Lover

GAM, 35, 5'7", 135#, computer engineer, seeks professional GWM, HIV- for love, romance and eventual relationship. Age not important. Weight in proportion to height. Moustache a plus. I'm easygoing and like sports. Sincere responses only to M., PO Box 3283, Fremont 94539 or call ★★2564.

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### Sensitive Handsome Intellectual

I'm sometimes enthusiastically vivacious, sometimes sadly pensive, always curious and inquisitive. Seeking intellectual stimulation and meaningful companionship. Me: 29, 6', 185#, trim, handsome, butch-ish, HIV-, facial hair, Anglo-Irish looks. Renaissance man (enjoy nature, politics, economics, art history, music, travel, architecture, journal writing, and hearty intellectual, spiritual or emotional discussions). You: similar but different. Being trim and somewhat masculine a must. Prefer letter (w/photo). Reply BT Box DC88A or call ★★2566.

### Beefy/Stocky/Well-Built Ass Worshippers Needed

I'm a 37-yr-old, beefy, stocky, muscular, well-built, nice-looking WM, who enjoys a beefy, stocky, well-built, muscular, masculine guy who loves big muscular thick legs and a nice big round muscular bubble butt to worship. Taste it, play with it! Can you handle this wild ass? Turn-ons: guys who work out, big pecs, bubble butts, thick muscular legs. Call ★★2567.

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Attractive GWM, 51, HIV+, 5 ft. 7 in. tall, 155 lbs., professional, high energy, very healthy, secure in self, fulfilled in life—enjoys hiking, the gym, horseback riding, hot tubbing, theater, travel and extended family—seeking a loving significant other with some similar interests, who is ready to share his life, share his emotions, share his physical self and share a growing spiritual sense of intimacy with self and partner. Call ★★2568.

### Return To The Planet Of The Boyfriends

Well, here I am again, after a long absence, ready to date, but no potential boyfriends in sight. I'm 38, 6'3", 220 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, rather nice-looking. I enjoy work-outs, antiquity, spiritual endeavors, science, "Star Trek TNG" and pursuing all the wonders of the universe. I am HIV+ and maintain a healthy, whole, sober lifestyle. If you too have landed, but on the other side of the planet of the boyfriends, you're not alone. Reply BT Box DC89A.

### Muscular, Relationship-Oriented Caucasian

Seeks a responsible, honest Asian, 23-36, with an ultra-smooth, hairless, athletic body. Me: 37, 5'11", 175 lbs., stable, sincere. Interests: music, working out, various ethnic foods. I'm serious, monogamous, and dislike game-playing. If you only want to play games, please don't waste our time. If you are honest and sincere, let's connect. Smooth, muscular, hairless legs a plus! Call ★★2570.

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Top couple seeks boy for LTR. Couple is 40s, one bearish, one leather. Boy: 30-55. Seek sexual relationship that involves S/M expansion and personal relationship of equals. Wide interests, limited only by desire for variety. Not live-in. Personal interests include arts & travel. Race/body type not important; desiring heavy bottom work is. Boy is to be aggressively passive, oral, with strong desire for sexual experimentation. Reply BT Box DC90A or call ★★2571.

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### Sing Out, Louise!

GWM, 41, gym-toned, loves my gay self, hates expressions like "act normal" or "don't relate to the gay scene" or "straight-acting." And you: you should be independent, a thinker, an athlete & a scholar; a vivid imagination, 30-50, any race. Call or write. Reply BT Box DC91A or call ★★2573.

### Nice Catch

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed gray beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and anything outdoors. You are handsome, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection. Extra points for being easy to be with, and having a sense of humor. Call ★★2574.

### Healthy, Handsome, Muscular

6' blond seeks bodybuilder, HIV-, and offers body worship, oral service, cock slavery. If you're dominant, verbal and want to explore, call ★★2575.

### I Love Your Naked Body

You come to my studio. As you lie nude, I paint watercolors of you talking about sex or caressing your body. Sometimes we play; it's up to you. If you like we can go to museums, coffee shops, etc. Me: 33-yr-old GWM, cleanshaven, Marin artist. (Easy to get to by bus.) Call ★★2576.

### What A New Year's We'd Have!

GWM, young 55, 5'10", 140 lbs., HIV-, brown-gray hair, attractive, retired, nonsmoker, non-drinker, cleanshaven, hairy stocky body, very affectionate, nice guy, loyal friend. Seeks gay male, late 20s to early 50s to date, possible long-term relationship. Wouldn't it be fun to walk hand in hand with pride, share good and bad times, just be there for one another? Reply BT Box DC92A or call ★★2577.

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San Jose, **FUN DAYS:** 35 y/o, looking for daytime fun, leave name & number for poss. get together. ☎ 7306

San Jose, **EXOTIC:** poly, haw., 5'11, 170lbs, long straight hair, strong personality, humorous, prof.,seeks tall atrac. somewhat inexper. male. ☎ 1017

San Jose, **ITALIAN/HISPANIC:** 20 y/o, 5'7, currently attending San Jose St. Univ., looking for someone to party with, (prefer under 30). ☎ 8303

San Jose, **SMOOTH FUN:** 25 y/o, 5'11, 155lbs, v. goodlkg, brw hair & eyes, clean shaven, masc. acting, looking for fun , ☎ 2052

San Jose, **CENTRAL AREA:** 5'9, short brw hair, brw eyes, looking for other short haired men for evening/weekends. ☎ 2858

San Jose, **SWEET TV:** masc. acting seeks soft TV for fun. ☎ 5454

Central Valley, **BIG TALKER:** 21 y/o looking to talk with all men. ☎ 5918

Oakland, **CUDDLE ME:** I'm 39 and love to play, cuddle, like to get to know somebody. ☎ 1455

Oakland, **THICK BONED:** 24 y/o, bm, 5'8, 155lbs, brw skin, med. build, thick boned, looking for tp men for fun times. ☎ 7540

Oakland, **OAKLAND BASE:** 28, 6'3, short hair, brw eyes, looking for btm, under 30, smooth, if interested please call. ☎ 2725

SF, **YOUNG & READY:** 22 y/o, looking for someone into everything, call me. ☎ 3844

SF, **LOADS OF FUN:** 23, 5'11, 175lbs, looking for someone who likes to have fun, call soon, I'm lots of fun. ☎ 7586

SF, **MUSICIAN:** 43, 5'8, 130lbs, slender, sensitive.brw hair/eyes, btm, looking for dom. loving guy, w/dark hair, to wake up to. ☎ 8572

SF, **FIRST TIME AD:** v. clean, open minded, looking for new sensation, willing to try most anything once. ☎ 8632

SF, **MARINA AREA:** 23, 6', seeks friends to go out under 30. ☎ 7290

SF, **LET'S HANG:** 20 y/o, 130lbs, 5'5, seeks masc. men to get to know, hang out with. ☎ 2073

SF, **HISPANIC/ITALIAN:** 6'2, work out 5 days/wk at gold's, love to swim, bike ride. ☎ 4274

SF, **MASCULINE:** 30, 5'9, 175lbs, into all kinds of outdoor activities, good times. ☎ 4444

SF, **CAN I BE OF SERVICE?:** 5'11, brw hair/eyes, 170lbs, stacked, ☎ 4758

SF, **NEW TO AREA:** 40 y/o, completely shaven, tattooed. ☎ 2238

Santa Cruz **SEEKS BEEFY TYPES:** 32 y/o, 5'9, 175lbs, tp brw hair & eyes, seeking beefy btm guys. ☎1638

San Jose **NEEDS PLAYMATE:** 6', 140lbs, looking for playmate. ☎4359

Santa Clara **GWM:** 26, 6'2, 195lbs, musclr, dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoy having fun. ☎3855

San Jose **HAIRY BEAR:** 38, 6', 210lbs, hairy chest, goatee, brw hair & eyes, enjoy outdoor activities, camping, hiking, scuba diving, comedy clubs, I'm romantic, a great cook and looking for guy for poss. rel. (latino A+). ☎3948

Lodi **BI-BLACK PROFESSIONAL:** 44, seeks any race or aged employed person, call for hm number. ☎3593

San Jose **YOUNG LATIN MALE:** 5'7, 33 y/o, would like to have good time with anyone out there. ☎8514

SF **BUILDING HOMEBODY:** 47, 5'10, 225lbs,(football player build) romantic, handsome, monag., dark hair, blue eyes, love going, to gym, staying at home. ☎1520

SF **VERY VERSATILE:** 22, N2 briefs, swimmer's & guys my own age, please leave msg or call for my pager number. ☎7394

SF **ATTENTION BAY AREA MEN:** I'm 18 and seeking other guys in the Bay area to meet & get to know better, call me if interested in meeting me. ☎8397

Oakland **ATTRAC. BLACK MALE 24:** 5'8, 165lbs, med. build, attrac., looking to meet other guys, leave msg if interested. ☎6744

River City **ACTIVE ROMANTIC:** 5'7, brw hair, enjoy swimming, tennis, bike riding, romance, pets. Give a call. ☎5386

SF **BI-CURIOUS:** 35 y/o, would like to meet someone for safe fun, please be discreet when calling. ☎6853

Vacaville **HEY! I'M 19:** 5'5, 145lbs, black hair, brw eyes, interested in everything, looking for someone for friendship, not into the scene. ☎6980

Fremont **"LOVES FURY SLIPPERS":** TS/TV 27, enjoy wearing fury slippers, & dressing up like a woman, like older men from 45-70, who like to smoke cigarettes. ☎7822

Stockton **HAIRY** cherokee decent seeking guys 25-45 that are white, extremely hairy. ☎1815

San Jose **LARGE MEN WANTED:** interested in meeting large men! Is this you?? ☎3722

Tracy **TWO GUYS LOOKING FOR FUN:** looking for other guys for fun times. ☎2196

San Francisco **TWIN PEAKS AREA: BIG FAT VERS.:** 290lbs, btm, seeks men who appreciate larger guys. ☎4714

SF **VERSATILE ITALIAN:** 32, 5'10, 165lbs, prefers men 25-40 , enjoy exploring the city, music, & theatre, ☎8009

SF **ASIAN MALE:** 30 y/o, enjoy foreign movies, seeks gwm, under 35 for fun & friendship. ☎8059

SF **SEEKS SIMILAR:** 30 y/o, wm, dark hair brw eyes, seeks smlr 25-35 for good times/dating & poss. rel. call my box & leave me a msg. ☎6997

SF **SEEKING MEN OF COLOR:** 6'1, 240lbs, blond, like movies, beach walks, ISO sincere honest times. ☎7442

SF **42 YR OLD BEAR TYPE:** I like back rubs, cuddling, lots of affection. ☎7529

San Jose **JUST WANNA HAVE FUN:** 20, spanish, mature for my age, seeks mature tp, wm, for some fun. ☎4707

Campbell **MAKE MY FANTASY A REALITY:** 33 y/o, gwm, never had encounter w/other man, but very curious & anxious to find out. —hurry. ☎7706

Reno **ASPIRING X-DRESSER:** Bi-wm , who can be v. masc. would like to hear from reno men for teaching, tell me your fantasy. ☎6060

209 Area Code **TOP THIS:** 6', dark brw hair, btm, smooth seeks musclr, tp 28-39 for frequent get togethers. ☎4845

Modesto **CHINESE CONNECTION:** 5'9, 24, chinese guy, ready for fun! ☎4402

SF **ANY RACE OK:** 25, bm who's positive is looking for any race or couples 18-25 for fun times. ☎2904

SF **VERY PASSABLE TS:** 5'7, european, black & puerto rican,pre-op TS seeks sensitive, compassionate, companion. ☎3121

Berkeley **HORSEPLAY:** 6' tall, 200lbs, brw hair/eyes, interested in having fun times with local guys —call & collect your reward. ☎7730

SF **BEST FRIENDS:** gwm, positive, 27, seeking other positive men 23-30, I enjoy movies, walking, cooking, seeking someone for friendship/rel. ☎6358

San Mateo **GRAB ME BEFORE I'M GONE:** 19 y/o with pager wants to hear from you. Surprise me! ☎6420

SF **MAKE MY DAY:** 26 y/o, bttm, birthday coming up, looking for a man. ☎2937

SF **GAME FREE:** 22 y/o, brw hair/brw eyes, 5'7, seeks guy up to 30 y/o, who's tall, musclr, handsome man, (no games pls) ☎1101

SF **THIS IS A GOOD ONE:** 25 y/o, 5'8, 135lbs, clean shaven, btm, would love to hear from you. Just do it. ☎6855

San Jose, **SET SAIL:** 27, 5'8, brw hair, clean shaven, green eyes, enjoy hiking, camping, going beach, sailing my boat, quiet evenings, seeking stable guy under 30. ☎6510

Sacramento, **6'2, 25,** really enjoy outdoors, lookin to settle down, really love muscles & hairy guys. ☎1066

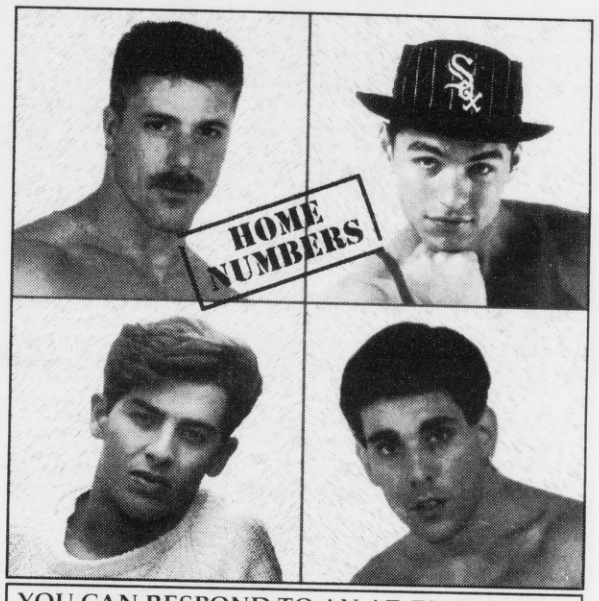
Sacramento, **X-COLLEGE LINEBACKER:** 6'3, 220lbs, black, former college linebacker, looking for heavy set spanish or pacific/male. ☎1580

San Jose, **HUMOROUS, PROF.** 32 y/o, 6'2, 175lbs, dark hair/brw eyes, open, looking for someone to have fun, will also entertain idea of rel., let' set something up. ☎6519

Sonora, **GOODLKG, 31,** Bear in south bay once per week., you won't be dissatisfied. ☎6795

San Jose, **HUSKY & EZ GOIN:** 32, GWM, 5'10, 200lbs, like to party, concerts, water sports, lookin for good friend/poss. rel., 25-35, discretion assured. ☎7495

Santa Cruz, **DUO WANTS 2B TRIO:** Looking for a third to join us. ☎5593

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### Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

(My favorite Christmas song by, of course, J.G.) What are you doing for the holidays? Being depressed? I hope not, why not call me, we can see a concert. I am 41, 5'10", 178, athletic & artistic. Looking to meet 28-50 man of many talents, a true Renaissance man. Reply BT Box DC94A or call ★★2582.

### Dream Lover

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed gray beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and anything outdoors. You are handsome, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection. Extra points for being easy to be with, and having a sense of humor. Call ★★2583.

### Where No Man Has Gone Before

Me: available HIV+, 33 y.o. GHM bottom, 5'6", 155. Good sense of humor, positive approach to life. I am more than HIV and Hispanic. You: available, hairy, hung, top, romantic, passionate, intense, without fears, communicative, spiritual, GWM or GHM, 33 to 43, HIV? Ready to take the challenge of living life to the fullest. It would be nice to share this adventure with someone special. Call, let's see if there is more than chemistry. Call ★★2584.

### Treasure Isle

Tall GWM BJ Crusoe stranded on the Isle of San Fran. BJ is 40ish, from the South, HIV- smoker, cocktailer, non-bodybuilder party man. Looking for GM Friday (GM Saturday will do, too) w/fat cut boner (a Daniel Holt type) for a hot-to-trot weiner roast oral servicing. BJ, Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★2585.

### Not Jaded

But pretty tired of bars, casual sex and "gay" men's games. If you are 36-42, solid emotionally and physically, handsome and honest, then give this 45 y.o., 6'2", straight-acting, Italian American with big brown eyes, solid medium build and hairy chest, a call. Somewhat shy, but love hiking, movies, outdoors and a great blowjob! HIV- a must. Reply BT Box DC95A or call ★★2586.

### Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned). Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★2587.

### Fatherly Men

Attract me—easygoing (type B), 35-50 y.o., 5'11"-6'1", 165-180 lbs., smooth, cute buttocks, nicely shaped big noses, beardless faces. Me: Mideastern-European descent, accent, 45 y.o., 6½", 170 lbs., salt/pepper, moderately hairy, good-looking, sensitive, survivor, dedicated to health/healing, Leo, basically top but... Together we combat loneliness with companionship, sleep on king-size bed, enjoy steady, safe lovemaking, getting up late in the morning, not too set in our ways, building up trust, prefer classical music, living outside the big city in a cat-free home. HIV-, NS. Photo appreciated. PO Box 423721, SF 94142 or call ★★2588.

### Dear Santa

This GAM, 22, 5'8", 170, muscular and ruggedly handsome has been very good this year. Please send me an athletic GWM who is not confused or on a rebound. A swimmer or a bodybuilder is a plus. I want a companion who can be my best friend and my lover, unlike last year's prototype (confused and unstable). PO Box 6513, San Jose 95150 or call ★★2589.

### Soulmate In SF?

I'm thinking of you. I imagine holding you close. I long for one, two, three thousand more nights with you, lost in you. I look at you standing naked surrounded by paints and canvases, and studies of nudes. Below your feet, a pyramid built in your honor. Above your head, red clouds swim by, washing your nightmares away. You look me straight in the eye, as we melt into each other. Mutated Latino-Gringo-Maricon-Infected-Faggot Siamese Twins, joined at the head, chest, stomach, pelvis. Only fluidly separated... Is that only a dream? Prove me wrong! Me: HIV+, GLM, 30 y.o., 5'11", 140#, smart, attractive, without a soulmate in SF. Call ★★2590.

### Seeking The 3 B's

GWM, 35, into baseball (A's), beaches and bingo. Brn/grn, moustache, 5'11", 180, HIV-, smoker, no drugs or alcohol. Looking for another GWM, 26-36, into being friends first, then poss. LTR. Honesty, employed, no drugs or alcohol a must! Cigarettes OK. Serious only. Let's talk and see what happens. Reply BT Box DC96A or call ★★2591.

### Adventurous Duo Near Yosemite Inviting Third

B. seeks someone 20-30. If you'll dream, question, work, learn and travel, he'll bring you wonders... a living adventure! But he takes patience. (Youthful energy a must!) T. is 22, looks straight, is slender, cute and looking for an athletic blond. He feels sex is not as important as wisdom, curiosity and strength of character. Awareness, humor and sensitivity count for a lot. He'll expect you to answer this ad on a hunch. (T. is compassionate, an idealist... a dreamer.) He loves to imagine possibilities, as do I... and you? Call ★★2592.

### 37 y.o. Desires Relationship...

With a bright, handsome, in-shape, stable, 25-35 y.o. male who wants permanence & monogamy in his life. I am intelligent, HIV-, mature, handsome & well-balanced. My sexual interests are from mild to wild. I enjoy reading, cuddling in front of a fireplace, movies & quiet evenings at home. Look forward to meeting you. Call ★★2593.

### Banker Turned HIV+ Bohemian

37, 5'6", 145 lbs., blond, bearded, tattooed, healthy on disability, hairy bottom. Seeks other HIV+ for exotic travel, rail, cruise, auto. Nonsexual travel buddy, fuckbuddy or true love, all options. Am humorous, educated, hyper, wacky, comfortable in chaps or tuxedo—own both. Fluent in French, good Spanish. Let's enjoy the silver lining of being on disability—it's now or never. Santa Cruz (have wheels). Call ★★2594.

### Stop AIDS Project

Saturday, 11/13. Market at 16th. I answered your questions, we talked, laughed. Me: 23, curly blond hair, glasses, unusual name. I'm the one who can't imagine doing what I do without latex. You: 23, taller, black hair (dyed burgundy?), sunglasses, moved to SF a year ago. I'd like to get together and talk some more, laugh, and maybe do some other things, too. Call ★★2595.

### Wanted: Tall Bottom On The Peninsula

Black guy, top, 34, 5'10", 196 lbs., well-built, friendly, assertive, easygoing. Looking for a tall bottom buddy for discreet, infrequent and safe get-togethers. No hard and fast requirements, but 6'2" and taller, 195 lbs.+, head together, great legs are pluses. Fairly busy; if you have no serious interest, please do not waste your time or mine. R., PO Box 60774, Sunnyvale 94088.

### Handsome, Strong, Bright, Funny, Gay Nob Hill Man

38, with great body (swims daily, 6', 185 lbs., brn/brn, Greek last name, really big dick, moustache, thinning hair, nonsmoker, HIV- no drugs or booze) and an even greater spirit seeks financially stable gent (age unimportant) for dinner/theater, fun, get-togethers, poss. relationship. College grad. Cooks, hikes, sings (baritone/bass), dances (salsa, cha cha, rumba, fox trot, swing, waltz, etc., Rawhide), piano/guitar, writes (cookbooks, etc.), speaks fluent French, Spanish; real estate license. Please reply w/photo & letter to Hunk, PO Box 420947, SF 94142 or call ★★2596.

### Flesh And Spirit

I am interested in ethnic dance, world beat music, country living w/horses, sexual intimacy and fun. You be: physically active, handsome, androgynous, mellow stoner guys. I am same. All races, 30-40 yrs., 5'9"-6'2", 150-180 lbs., photo appreciated. Me: 5'9", 150 lbs., brn eyes, long brn hair, HIV+. Call ★★2597.

### Attention: Chubby-Relaters

GWM, 49, 6', 265 lbs. (a chubby, but not dedicated to it), successful technical writer looking for what I hope will turn into a long-term relationship. I'm well-educated, intelligent, funny, optimistic, HIV-, mostly sane, and not into pain. Or tobacco smoke. I love my dog, my house, Star Trek, stamps, coins, telephone cards and Amsterdam. You are 40 to 55, weight proportionate to height, bright, optimistic, HIV-, like dogs and Amsterdam, not into pain, don't smoke tobacco, and have LTR in mind. Everything else (including the unspoken) is negotiable. Write 5214 F Diamond Heights Blvd., Box 820, SF 94131 or call ★★2598.

### It Don't Mean A Thing, Unless The Scene Is The Thing

I don't care about age, size, looks. What I do care about is intense mutual dirty talk, jerk-off, cock & ball worship, while drinking, smoking, partying (share costs 50/50), with other masculine, aggressive guys, late evenings, my place (Oakland). Not into shaved, toys, videos. Just uninhibited one-on-one nakedness, watching, showing off, talking, stroking, partying. This is not a fuck/suck/touch trip. The scene is more important than what my partner looks like. Call ★★2599.

### Down-To-Earth Homebody

Asian, Latin or ??... passionate "body and soul." Matt Ramsey, Twilight Zone, Kafka, independent Christian/higher power, no heavy alcohol/drugs, non-radical Moderate Pride, humor, music, etc. I'm WM, 32, "good-looking," 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven—seeking more serious Partner or just friends. Letter/photo? to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★2600.

### Just This Once...

GWM, 34, wants to make this dream become reality. I'm 6'1", 185#, medium build, good shape, healthy, brn/blue, somewhere in between average and good-looking, living in Contra Costa County. I'm easygoing, emotionally available, sexually versatile (great sex drive) and have a lot to offer. You are probably around my age or older, around my body build or bigger, with dark features. Did you have the same dream? Call ★★2601.

### Loveseat Facing Fireplace

Seats two. Join me? Happy, successful GWM, 40, HIV-, confident, articulate, tall, lean, long legs, above average in looks, brains and balls seeks exceptional men who love being plowed for dating, mutual massage, hopefully LTR. Ability to examine life, find meaning, handle conflicts, discuss feelings crucial. Handsome face, muscular chest, chewable tits, big biceps—all pluses. Passions: writing, psychotherapy, movies, theater, cooking, day hikes, camping. ND, NS. Call ★★2602.

### Alone In Walnut Creek

GWM, 32, seeks another GWM interested in a LTR. I'm 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV-, masculine and somewhat shy. I have brown eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, music, dinners out and quiet evenings at home. You're under 36, clean-cut, masculine, HIV-, height proportionate to weight, smoke- and drug-free. We both believe in honesty and monogamy, aren't into the bar scene and aren't afraid of commitment. PO Box 3183, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★2603.

### We Respect Each Other

GWM, 49, mtn biker, hiker, relaxed, aware and conversant, reader of the range of ideas, independent with time & readiness to commit, believe in romance, HIV-. We are discreet about our lifestyle but are committed to the Bill of Rights. We may be different in nonsubstantive ways & respect each other's nature and ambitions. You: 40-60, any race. You are a piece of my puzzle that is missing. Call ★★2604.

### Not Looking For Lover

This ad's for the handful of you who haven't fainted at that amazing revelation and who prefer not to follow the Pied Piper of Hamlin. I am a mature and seasoned survivor who counts among his various body fluids creative juice, which I liberally apply to many activities. Looking for other(s) to time-share our lives, pursuing compatible interests. Age or race disqualify no one. Reply BT Box DC97A.

### Healthy, Loving And Emotionally Available

Beyond fatal attractions based on chemistry and interested in friendships, and eventually a committed relationship, with other gay men willing to work at building them. I enjoy being with other emotionally available men who understand the importance of healthy boundaries, self-esteem, humility, spirituality and intimacy. I try to lead a clean and sober way of life, free of compulsive addictions to substances or others. Some statistics: 51 y.o., 6', 170 lb., professional GWM, prefer mature, professional GAMs or GWMs, 35-55 y.o. Reply BT Box DC98A or call ★★2605.

### A Great Catch

Is what I consider myself to be for the right man. I'm a 32 y.o., 5'9", 160 lb., very handsome, very well-built, outgoing, honest, easygoing, affectionate, down-to-earth, fun, bright and well-educated GWM. My passions include downhill skiing, mtn biking, opera, politics, traveling to distant and exotic lands and simple pleasures like being with friends, reading and movies. I hope to meet someone with similar qualities and interests who is open to developing a long-term relationship. Preferably you are in your 30s and financially secure, enjoy travel and nature, and take a keen interest in the world around you. It is also important that you be sincere, intelligent, affectionate, motivated, well-read, easygoing and down-to-earth. Physically, you should be attractive, in good shape, well-endowed and HIV-. Please send a letter describing yourself and a recent photo. Your correspondence will be kept strictly confidential and photo returned. Reply BT Box DC99A.

### Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend

Enneagram 4 (5 wing), INFP, seeks soulmate/LTR. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, the unknown, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, kindred spirits, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, spontaneity, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, walks, teachers, sensitivity. GWM, 5'7", 123#, adaptable 46. Call ★★2607.

### Until The Real Thing Comes Along

Very handsome, 29-year-old, GWM, tall, with great blue eyes, and model features, seeks great-looking, intelligent man under 35, over 5'8", of any race, with emotional depth, for monogamous relationship. I'm looking for the real thing, but if you're healthy, truly handsome and wanna have some fun, you can fill in until he comes along. Your photo (returned)/letter get mine. PO Box 16121, Oakland 94610.

### ADventure + CHemistry =

...a cute and masculine guy into "innocent" explorations, friendship, great adventures and possible LTR. The result of my chemistry quest should equal someone just as cute on the inside as on the outside, an honest guy under 31 who's ready for an adventure of his own. Smooth and slim types earn extra points. I'm 32, 6'1", 165#, blond/blue, very outgoing and kinda intense. C'mon, let's find out how much fun science can really be! Reply BT Box DC100A or call ★★2608.

### Asian

Caring GAM, mid-40s, 5'7", slim, attractive, nonsmoker/drinker, affectionate, honest, easygoing, with quiet lifestyle, seeks older GWM for possible relationship. My interests include music, travel, gardening, photography. Photo appreciated and returned. Write: J., 537 Jones St., #2234, SF 94102.

### Slim Asian Wanted

Sincere, caring WM, young for 44, 6'2", 174 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, teacher of ESL, seeks very slim Asian male for sincere friendship or possible lover. Prefer 18-33, nonsmoker. Plus if foreign-born, enjoy exercise, dislike bars. Let me buy you lunch or treat you to a movie. (No pressure.) Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

### Jewish Prince Wanted

This straight-acting, 34, blond, blue eyes, 5'8", 166 lbs., muscular body, kinda cute, funny and loving, HIV-, into workouts, beach, skiing, scuba, surf, kids, etc. Don't smoke or use drugs or bad habits; a very clean person looking for someone to love and form a relationship with, seeking a Jewish prince with good looks & body and mind, with a true heart, but still can be wild at times. Not into the gay scene or bars; under 37 yrs., 5'8", 160 lbs. Prefer a letter with photo to BT Box DC101A or call ★★2609.

### Looking For A Special Person

I'm looking for a self-aware, handsome GM. I especially appreciate African American or Latino gay men. Someone who I feel some equivalence to—emotionally, physically and intellectually; who's financially stable, emotionally mature, reliable and politically/socially liberal. Be weight proportional. Are you ready to open up and aren't shell-shocked from a past relationship? Being a kind and honest person who's easy to be with is important. These are requests not requirements. I'm a very handsome GWM, culturally Jewish, 5'7", 170#, 33 yrs., brown hair, sideburns, hairy chest/legs, nice body (and improving). I am emotionally open and honest, sweet, gentle and kind. I'm intelligent, passionate, affectionate, sexy, bottom to versatile, and very safe. I'm a strong person who doesn't mind shedding tears. I enjoy my lovely home in the E. Bay (Hercules). I've a close and special relationship with my family. Experienced with relationships. Active socially, politically progressive. I'm HIV+, healthy—you should be comfortable with this. I'm open to developing a relationship, so let's get to know each other and see what happens. Picture and letter get quick responses. Reply BT Box DC102A or call ★★2610.

### Afro Seeks Euro

29 year old, HIV-, 6'3", 195 lb., very cute African-American gay male seeks possible LTR with someone who is reciprocal, mature, honest and capable of love. Love great pasta, good film, giggles and intimacy. I'm drawn to GWM/GLM, Aussies and the like. Intrigued by men who can communicate. Charmed by men who desire courtship. Entranced by attractive/handsome gentlemen who love to love. Desire to meet man, 28-35, who is weight proportionate. Call ★★2611.

### Sweet & Sexy

Handsome, 40ish GWM, 5'9", with youthful looks, dark hair & lean body, seeks slender, communicative & intelligent younger man for kissing, cuddling & more. Call ★★2612.

### "A Faithful Friend Is A Sturdy Shelter..."

...He who finds one finds a treasure." GWM academic, 39, 5'9", 170, br/gr, cleanshaven, masculine. My friends describe me as someone who is strong, gentle, wise, humorous, romantic and communicative. I want to explore sexual and spiritual intimacy with the right guy, age 30-45. I tend to like men with medium builds and dark hair, but am open to all. Wide-ranging interests include politics, spirituality, music, movies, swimming, hiking, reading and travel. If you are a special man looking for one love with a quality guy, please reply to BT Box DC103A or call ★★2613.

### To Whom It May Concern:

If you are 21-30, funny, nice-looking, considerate, kind, a human being, and seeking a person who happens to be funny, a grad student, down-to-earth, 27, Asian, loves Disneyland, nice-looking, 135 lbs., likes conversation, 5'7", into food, film, painting, laying and cuddling in bed, and dreams of becoming an Imagineer, please, please call me. I will call back. I promise. Until later... Call ★★2614.

### Heavy Mutual Talking & Watching

Do you really dig talking dirty & jacking off? Do you get obsessive with cock/ball worship? Do you like drinking, smoking, partying? I love all of it. Seeking masculine, hung guys into the above for one-on-one get-togethers, 10-11 pm, my place (Oakland). We share party expenses 50/50. This is a one-on-one scene. It's not a fuck/suck scene. Not into mirrors, videos, toys, shaved guys, tits, ass, groups. Age, size, looks unimportant. Commitment to talking, stroking, partying, cock worship is all that's needed. Call ★★2615.

### Wanted

Young man, single & free, will not accept a trainee. If you know who you are and can be a complement to a 44-yr-old professional, who seeks companionship, friendship and free-spirited enthusiasm, then this GBM says, "Let's meet." I am not into fantasy or sponsoring the unemployed, but do like dreamers who turn thoughts into action. I do best with romantics who believe life is about something other than themselves. Please include phone # for a faster response, but I will answer all inquiries from all interested parties as long as they contain no BS. BM/HM encouraged; ages to 45, employment a must unless student, type of employment unimportant. Give me the 411. Reply to: Boxholder, PO Box 1342, Oakland 94604-1342 or call ★★2616.

### Eros And Civilization

GWM, 40, 6', 170#, dark hair, blue eyes, trimmed black beard, muscular, hairy chest, big cock, solid athletic legs, good skin, HIV+ (asymptomatic), top/versatile; child of the Great Plains, Eastern educated, longtime SF resident, seeks physically attractive, intelligent and spiritually awake companion(s) to share the joy of sex and pleasures of civilization. Pluses: aged 30-45, athletic, open-minded, self-aware, experienced with world travel, the exotic or esoteric. Reply BT Box DC104A or call ★★2617.

### And Now For Something Completely Different

I can go out and meet guys for fucking/sucking sex. My difficulty is meeting guys for dirty talk, jack-off, drinking/partying, one-on-one scenes. Let's get together 10-11 pm, my place (Oakland), share partying costs (50/50). Musts: mutual dirty talk, jerk-off, cock/ball worship, getting high. Must nots: be shaved, videos, toys, fuck, suck. Man-to-man, buddy-to-buddy cock worship at its best. Age, size, looks unimportant. Call ★★2618.

### Seeking Christmas Gift

I'm 29, 5'7", 145 lbs., with brown hair and big brown eyes. Cute little Italian with strong devilish personality and a great sense of fun. I like to do many things including cycling and roaming around town. My friends have similar interests, but I'd like a boyfriend to share those experiences with as well. I'd like to meet a person who is willing to share his thoughts and interests with me and is available to have an intimate relationship on many levels. The person I seek is very handsome with a powerful gaze. He is between 25-35, HIV- in shape, cleanshaven and, sorry about this, possesses a full head of hair. Perhaps you are he? Call ★★2619.

### Uniquely Unmanly Man

Bearish, QWM, 48 y.o., 5'10", 175 lbs., long wavy brown hair, beard and body hair, kindly blue eyes, sweet smile, shy, gentle, literate, playful, affectionate, sensitive, balanced, aware, spiritual, employed, devotee of the divine androgyne. U B tall, thin, shy, soft-spoken, a bit femme, creative, spiritually aware, maybe long hair. I wait with open arms to sweep ya off yr feet. Reply BT Box DC105A or call ★★2620.

**Wanted: Tall, Cute Boyfriend**
I keep telling myself to compromise on this, but in fact, it's what I want—a tall, handsome, intelligent, sensitive boyfriend! It would be nice if he likes classical music, but an artistic spirit with feet on the ground would probably be enough. A robust sense of humor wouldn't hurt either. I am 6'6", handsome on most days and would like to "share the stratosphere" with an equally tall (at least over 6'), attractive man. Asians, Latinos, Italians (cross-culturals) (32-40) may apply. Emotional and time availability are also important. Outdoors, photography (particular B&W), movies, kissing, tenderness and sexual versatility are characteristics and "pastimes," though life has been too short on the latter of late. I am 48, but look younger than a peach, well maybe a somewhat ripe one, but honestly, this is a pretty youthful-lookin' dude! I am also bld/blu, handsome (to match my future boyfriend), HIV-, and weigh about 210 lbs. with a med. build (well-distributed, if I do so say myself). Let's check each other out and see if we can make art imitate life or vice versa. Write: PO Box 26463, SF 94126-6463 (recent photos welcome) or express yourself over the voice mail ★★2621.

**I'm A Precocious GWM**
Dark blond/blue, smooth, not tanned, slender, boyishly cute, HIV-, affectionate, sensual, energetic, nonsmoker, bright, somewhat intense, agnostic, playful and sensible. I enjoy eating, travel and music (Eartha to Erasure, Pointer Sisters to Pet Shop Boys) and am seeking a smart, responsible, reasonably articulate and attractive, affectionate, non- or light-drinking GWM or GLM, 20-40. SF much preferred. Call ★★2622.

**Active, Professional, Adventuresome GWM**
Early 50s, NS, brown/blue, 6', 175, in a long-term primary relationship, seeks like-minded kindred spirit for the occasional sharing of hot sex, tender sensuality, nurturing friendship (or better, all three). I've got a good sense of humor and of self, and I enjoy massage, movies, hiking, skiing, reading, dining out. Please write. I'd like to hear about you. Reply BT Box DC106A.

**Rock And Roll**
Faith No More, Primus, Pink Floyd, Pixies, Bomb Jane's Addiction, Hendrix, Neil Young, R.E.M., U2, Tool, Cowboy Junkies, King Crimson, Soundgarden'... GM, 31, br/bl, in shape, seeks guy who doesn't own any Madonna albums. Reply BT Box DC107A or call ★★2623.

**Soulmate, 30-40, Wanted**
By handsome GWM, 45, 6', HIV-, 200, to share life in Tiburon. I love biking (10 miles/day), sailing a 44' boat, classical and new age music, modern ballet, theater, gardening, singing, painting, psychology books and world travel. I am spiritual and looking for a committed relationship, having finished one of 13 years four months ago. No drugs, alcohol or smoking. I am looking for a handsome/cute, financially independent GWM who quietly knows his own value, loves giving and receiving caresses, is well-endowed and looking for a life partner. Weight and height proportionate. Butch only, please. Recent photo (returned). Reply BT Box DC108A or call ★★2624.

**Staying Alive**
Athletic, professional, Asian, 46, 5'9", with a high kinetic energy and altruistic values wants to meet a similar gym-toned, smooth, cleanshaven WM for friendship or more. Have a youthful exuberance and appearance through workouts, running, dancing, sports and hiking, complemented with a diverse range of leisure activities. Undoubtedly sophisticated and impeccable manners and witty humor. Do your positive attributes and interests match mine?

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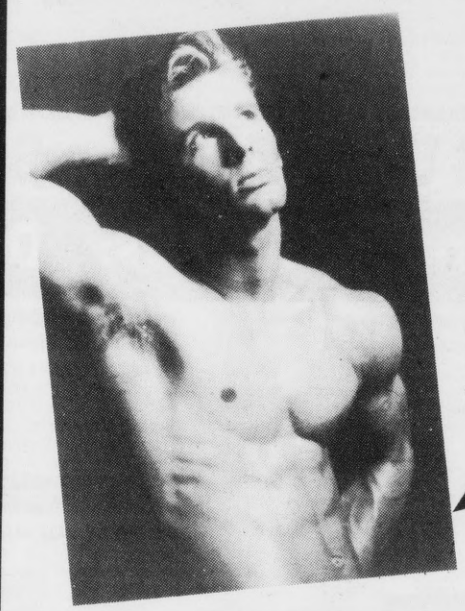

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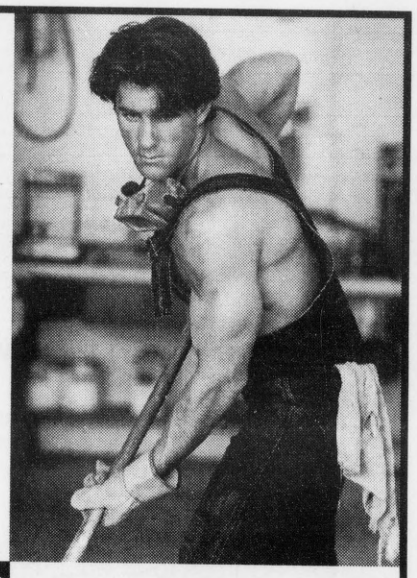

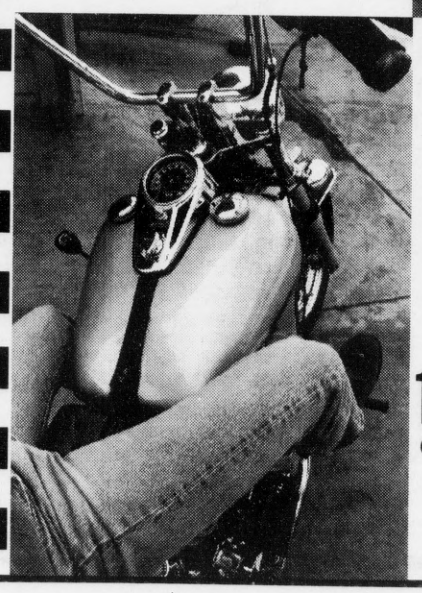

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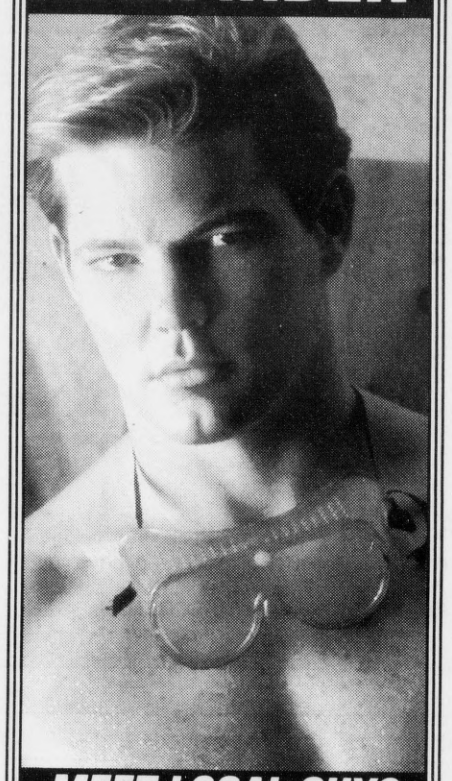

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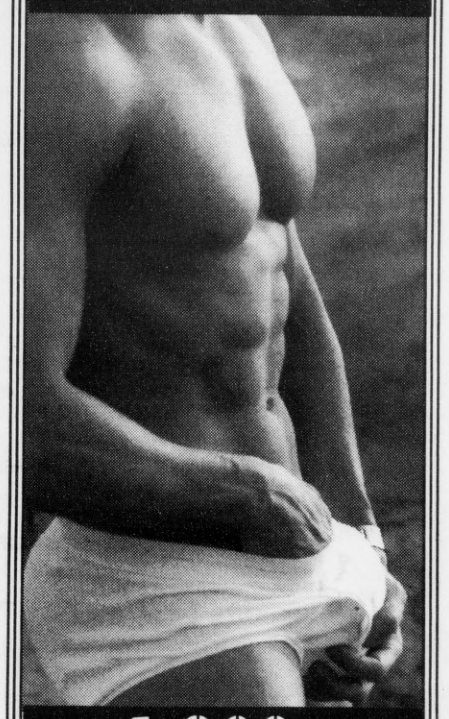

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**Half-Fawn, Half-Icarus. All Yours?**
GWM, 43, HIV-, brn/brn, nonsmoker; attractive; seeks GBM, 30-45. Both my mind and body love to dance. Theater worker and writer now advancing on a PhD in clinical psychology. Insatiable appetite for paradox—and much else. Eager to co-parent a child eventually. I long to cherish and be cherished by an Eros who invites my soul. Reply BT Box DC110A or call ★★2625.

**Here's The Fire That'll Melt Any Winter Snow!**
I'm a very cute and hot, 5'10", slim, 22-year-old GAM looking for a tall, handsome GWM, from 21-45, for some incredible times. Even though I'm not necessarily looking for a LTR, if we really hit it off, I'd be more than happy to spend eternity with the love of my life. So; if this sounds good to you, let me know! Reply BT Box DC111A or call ★★2626.

**Why Is It So Hard...**
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**South Bay/Peninsula**
29-year-old clean-cut guy looking for new and challenging males, 18-38, to hang with. Friendship first, with an open mind for more. I'm 6', 185, brn/brn, with Robert Downey Jr. looks. I enjoy and crave intense conversation, spur of the moment things, mtn. biking, motorcycling, running on the beach, foreign films and, best of all, cuddling. Send resume w/qualifications and photo. Reply BT Box DC112A or call ★★2628.

**Dad Seeks Son**
Are you a bottom guy in your 20s that's tired of meeting cold self-centered men that don't treat you the way you want? I am a hot, blue-eyed blond, healthy, 6'1", 220, late 40s, that seeks a guy that can save himself for a worthwhile man. I'm very smart, tough, and yet romantic, giving and caring. Open to whatever. Call ★★2629.

**QM, 32**
Communicative, passionate, progressive (no, not liberal), attractive, cynical, sweet, silly, occasionally melancholy, seeking similar man for romance, intimacy. I hate voice mail, didn't leave a message, but await your letters. I don't want your photograph, but a drawing would be nice and, yes, stick figures are OK. NS/ND. Reply BT Box DC113A or call ★★2630.

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**Enlightened Pig**
WM, 43, handsome, intelligent, affectionate, 5'11", 150, brn/grn, 'stache, in-shape pig who has done his personal homework seeks similar emotionally mature men who know how to enjoy themselves. Passionate sex/personal intimacy/spiritual consciousness with a sense of humor makes a potent combination. You have outgrown your cultural/religious upbringing and see the divine everywhere. Facial hair, WS a major plus. Reply BT Box DC115A or call ★★2631.

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**Queer Boys Into S/M**
Working class perv, shy, sardonic, sweet, butch, horny, affectionate, seeks: ravenous rump rangers, service-oriented sex thugs, and bumptious bondage brats. Credit given for spirited begging and other oral skills. Seeking honorable bottom energy, not passivity. (Selfish little boys with hands congenitally glued to their sides need not apply.) Me: handsome top, 35, dark hair/eyes/goatee, variously ethnic, unimpressed by cop-and-cowboy drag, big muscles, big dicks, or your invitation to an O-Boy party; but am queer for twisted little rope and paddle freaks who know how to kiss like volcanoes. Call ★★2632.

**Are You An Asian Master?**
GWM wants to be a houseslave and personal slave to a gay or bi Asian. Eventual live-in possible; either with me or with you. I'm 40s, 5'10", 150. Reply BT Box DC116A or call ★★2633.

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Attractive German male, 5'6", proportionate weight, salt and pepper hair, moustache, blue eyes, young 50s, versatile top, HIV+ wants to meet and date versatile bottom, HIV+ preferred. You: 35-45 y.o., slender, weight and height proportional. Attractive, masculine, good-humored, sincere and caring. LTR possible. If this is catching your eye, drop me a line or give me a call. Reply BT Box DC117A or call ★★2634.

**Asian Seeking Companions**
Lonely Asian, 28 yrs. old, 5'7", 158 pounds, HIV-, foreign born, shy, sensitive, compassionate and lively. Likes arts, music, ballet. Seeks Asians, white, Hispanic, Black for friendship/lover, to share indoor and outdoor activities. Walk about and show me SF and find something new that we could talk about and experience. Pictures are appreciated but not necessary. 537 Jones, #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★2635.

**New To SF**
WM WLTM someone with a sense of humor, who is as comfortable partying as he is relaxing and discussing current events, politics, etc. You're professional, unpretentious, positive outlook, intelligent, good-looking, well-built, masculine and know what great, uninhibited, sensual, erotic safe sex is! I'm the above, 27, blond, blue, trim, HIV+ (3 years healthy). Open to a relationship. Call, "Maybe we can make it groovy, yeah!" Photo please. Reply BT Box DC118A or call ★★2636.

**I Like To Watch, Be Watched**
I am a 40 y.o. European, short, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are any age, healthy, in shape, hairy below the waist. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★2637.

**Sailor Seeks Relationship**
To share the freedom aboard my 45-ft. sailboat and help me continue the perfect Bay Area natural lifestyle. I'm 41, 5'11", 170, fit, HIV-, and ready to bond with a younger man who has an unfulfilled sense of adventure. No experience necessary, just the will to learn, a hunger to explore and the desire for a monogamous relationship. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★2638.

**Seeking Leather Buddies**
Athletic, 5'11", 185 lbs., good-looking, nice body. Young-looking 39 y.o. Intelligent, mostly vegetarian, workaholic accountant. With much difficulty, learning country-western dance—more classes required before trying this in the clubs. Seeking buddies to cruise leather bars on weekends. Enjoy dominant, confident men. Relationship possible but not immediately considered. North Bay resident—commuting not a problem for me. Call ★★2639.

**Such A Deal!**
Active, curious, easygoing, shy, masculine, recently retired QWM academic, sensual and caring, seeking AM to share home and life—a comfortable, pleasant life—and for friendship, affection and fun. You: honest, sincere, active mind and curiosity, caring and kind heart. Me: the same and 6', 198#, HIV-. I enjoy books, music, outdoors, long walks, cooking, brewing, theater, travel, quiet times at home and in garden. Letter/photo (returned) to Box 102, 3181 Mission St., SF 94110 or call ★★2640.

**Cal Grad Student, 25**
6'2", 200, brown/hazel, good looking, athletic, seeks similarly inclined men for friendship and perhaps more. Interests include: basketball, tennis, bridge and illuminating conversation. Call ★★2641.

**8 Seeks 4**
Supportive, stable, educated, successful 8 (31, Latin, br/br, beard, physical, handsome, green-thumbed, creative) seeks normal-to-healthy 4, 27-37, who paints, sculpts, writes, plays, acts or creates in other ways, is physically attractive, and has auto. No post-puberty drag drama. 2s, or 7s, NS. Mid-Pen a plus, but not a prerequisite. Reply BT Box DC119A or call ★★2642.

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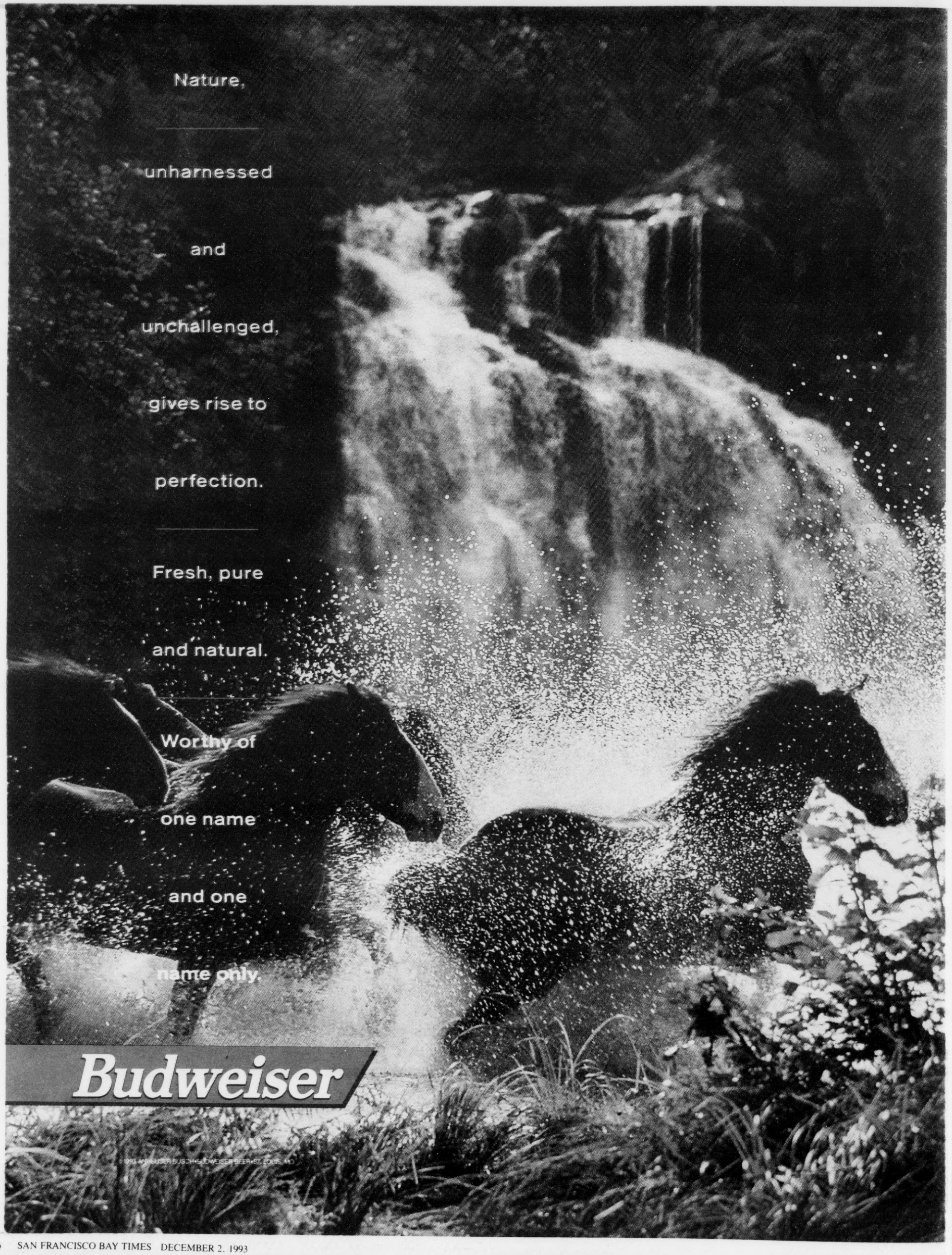
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